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Original: Shoji Goji

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WHAT MIDDLE-AGED MAN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A MASSAGE CHAIR?

TA-DAH

Your dreams have come true!

GEEZERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

VVRRRRRRRRRRR

OOOHHH!

AAAHHH!

WHAAAT ISSSSS THIISSS?! VOOOH!

VVVRRRR

NOT JUST THESE OLD FARTS, BUT IT'S PERFECT FOR PRINCESSES TOO!

WE'LL TAKE OVER THE KINGDOM IN NO TIME!

STARE

HER IDEALS ARE BASED IN CHIV-ALRY.

SHE HAS LIVED HER BEAUTEOUS LIFE SERVING HER COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE IN RIGHTEOUS-NESS.

SIDE...

...CAN OFT BE BINDING.

YET ONE'S IDEALS...

FLY

SH

YEAH, COME AT ME!

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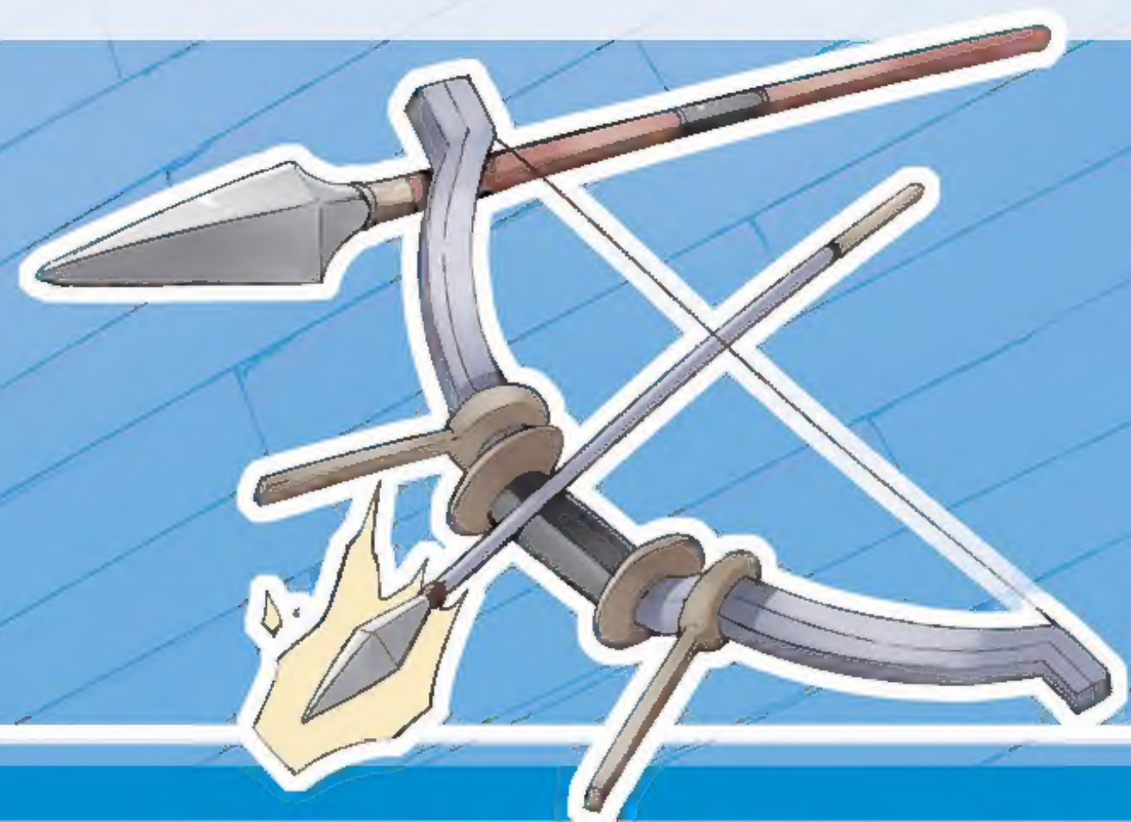


LONER LIFE IN ANOTHER WORLD Character List

Haruka

Main Players: Omui

Haruka and his classmates have been using Omui as their base of operations, and the town has since grown thanks to our loner lad's fervent(?) efforts.

Angelica

Stalker Girl

Melothosum
(Lord)

Merielle
(Lord's Daughter)

Class Rep.

Team Class Rep.

The leaders of order in a class full of chaos. They're usually on Haruka's case for something or other.

Vice Rep. A

Vice Rep. B

Vice Rep. C

Queen Bimbo
(Shimazaki)

Team Bimbo

A group of girls who originally drove out the nerds from their camp, they later changed their ways and began working for the good of the group! Haruka calls them "bimbos" because he's a bit of a dick.

Bimbo A

Bimbo B

Bimbo C

Bimbo D

Team Nerd

Boys who fit right in with their newfound fantasy life. They read a lot on the subject, after all! While they weren't anything special on Earth, here they're invaluable.

Nerd D

Nerd C

Nerd B

Nerd A
(Oda)

Team Jocks

Top-tier athletes on Earth, these locker room junkies helped their fellow classmates by teaming up against some troublemakers who wanted to disrupt their lives in this new world.

Soccer Jock

Swimming Jock

Running Jock

Judo Jock

Big, Dumb Jock
(Kakizaki)

Gymnastic Girl

Volleyball Girl B

Volleyball Girl A

Shield Girl

Underdressed Girl

Fish Girl

Artsy Girl

Chef Girl

Fashionista

Arts & Crafts Girl

Student Librarian

THREE MINUTES EARLIER...

I DID NOT COME HERE TODAY...

...AT THE BEHEST OF MY KING.

THE KINGDOM HAS CURRENTLY BEEN USURPED BY THE ARISTOCRACY.

Chapter 108

WHAT?!

MY PURPOSE WAS TO FORCE OMUI TO BOW DOWN, THUS TAMING THE FRONTIER.

MY ONLY CHOICE WAS TO OBEY MY ORDERS.

AS THE KING WAS BEDRIDDEN, I WAS FORBIDDEN FROM HIS COUNSEL...

IF I WERE TO LEAD THE MOST ELITE KNIGHTS TO THEIR DEMISE...

...THEN THE KINGDOM WOULD BE FORCED TO RETHINK THEIR OPPRESSIVE STRATEGY.

TRUTHFULLY, I EXPECTED TO DIE.

!

SHE PLANNED TO DIE IN ORDER TO PROTECT OMUI? WHAT KINDA LOYALTY IS THAT?

WHAT'S UP WITH HER?

HOW DUMB DO YOU HAVE TO BE TO BELIEVE THAT?!

...IT WOULDN'T SOLVE ANYTHING. IT'S JUST A BANDAGE!

EVEN IF HER PLAN WORKED AS INTENDED...

MY HAND WAS FORCED...

I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BETTER.

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING ELSE SHE COULD'VE DONE INSTEAD OF KILLING HERSELF OFF?

OR MAYBE...

JEEZ... SHE COULD'VE BECOME A MEDIATOR AND DISCUSSED THINGS MORE WITH US, AT THE VERY LEAST...

IS THE PRESSURE SHE'S FACING SO GREAT THAT SHE CAN'T THINK CLEARLY?

I WAS THE FIRST TO MY KNEES IN THAT DUNGEON.

BUT I AM PA-THET-IC...

ONLY AFTER I MADE PEACE WITH LORD OMUI, MY OLD MASTER, DID I WISH TO LAY DOWN MY LIFE...

IF YOU REALLY ARE SO DESPER-ATE...

I DOUBT THIS IS WHAT SHE REALLY WANTS. I WON'T LET HER DIE LIKE THIS!

SHE- CAN'T BE SERIOUS...

THOSE MEATHEADS FOUGHT TOOTH AND NAIL TO LIVE BACK IN THE FOREST.

...THEN WHY DON'T WE DUKE IT OUT?

HARUKA, WHAT ARE YOU...

...I'LL SHOW YOU A REAL BEATDOWN INSTEAD

IF YOU CAN'T LIVE WITH YOUR DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF A DUNGEON...

WOULDN'T THAT BE A MORE FITTING END FOR A KNIGHT?

I CAN HANDLE THIS.

GIMME A SEC.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

JUST A MO-MENT, HARU-KA!

YOU HAVE MY UTMOST GRATI-TUDE...

YOU SEE...

...I'M FEELING A BIT RUSTY AFTER WATCHING THAT DUNGEON ALL THE TIME.

...FOR HONORING MY REQUEST.

...

YEAH, COME AT ME!

THEN LET'S BEGIN.

THIS IS MY LAST STAND...

...AS A VENERABLE KNIGHT OF THE KINGDOM!

TUP

TUP

S-STOP THIS!

HEY!

CHILL, MR. MERRY!

I GOT THIS!

SHRASH

SHE MAY WANT TO DIE...

SLUSH

TWIRL

Can you not fight somewhere else?!

STRAIN

"I WON'T DIE HERE!"

"I'LL LIVE AND PROTECT MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE!"

...BUT SHE MUST FEEL SO ALIVE RIGHT NOW.

I JUST GOTTA KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO HER...

THWAP

KH!

WHAM

UGH...

I SHOULDA PICKED ON SOMEONE MY OWN SIZE...

ARE YOU DONE TOYING AROUND?

JUST END ME ALREADY.

YOU'RE KIND OF A BIG DEAL, Y'KNOW?

SORRY, THAT'S NOT MY STYLE.

FWIP

WHY DON'T WE TALK THINGS OUT?

BUT DON'T YOU WORRY, WE CAN STILL DUKE IT OUT!

Chapter 109

I WON'T LET HER ABANDON HER KINGDOM!

THIS GIRL...

SHE HAS TO LIVE!

WHAT I NEED TO DO HERE...

...IS SPARK A LIGHT OF HOPE!

Chapter 109: Live!

OH, YEAH...

YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT THE ARISTOCRACY, RIGHT?

WHY DIDN'T YOU FIGHT BACK WHEN THEY TOOK OVER?

THUK THUK THUK

DO YOU THINK YOUR DEATH...

...WILL MAGICALLY FIX THINGS?

A CHILD LIKE YOU...

SHWOOM

KHAH!

WHAT GOOD ARE YOU DEAD?!

SWISH

...WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND!

WHY...

WHY ARE YOU SO DAMN STUB-BORN?!

KWOOM

LET'S PULL OUT HER REAL FEELINGS!

THIS IS MY CHANCE!

Phew...

LIKE I THOUGHT.
HEH...

END ME, DAMN YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

SHUNK

STR

YET YOU KEEP BLOCKING MY ATTACKS.

YOU KEEP SAYING THAT...

AW...

YOU DON'T REALLY WANNA DIE, DO YOU?

NOT TRUE!

KRK

CH

THWACK

SILENCE!

HOW DARE YOU MOCK...

SWING

I WAS PREPARED TO DIE ALONG WITH MY CAVALRY!

...OUR RESOLVE!

YOUR KNIGHTS...

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM...

WE'RE ALIVE...

HOW DID WE SURVIVE?

!

I CHECKED ON THEM AFTER THEY LOST TO THE DUNGEON

CREAK...

WHAT ABOUT THE CAPTAIN? SHE CONTINUE ON HER OWN?

ALL THAT'S ON MY MIND IS OUR SUICIDE MISSION...

SHE CAN'T DIE LIKE THIS! I WANT HER TO LIVE!

DAMN IT ALL!

WE'VE GOTTA SAVE HER!

KEEP ALL OF THEM SAFE, MY DUNGEON GOLEMS!

HOW SELFLESS. THEY'D DIE JUST TO SAVE HER!

THEY ALL WANT YOU TO LIVE.

THEY WANT TO PROTECT THEIR NATION WITH YOU BY THEIR SIDE.

YOU'D DARE LEAVE THEM BEHIND LIKE THIS?

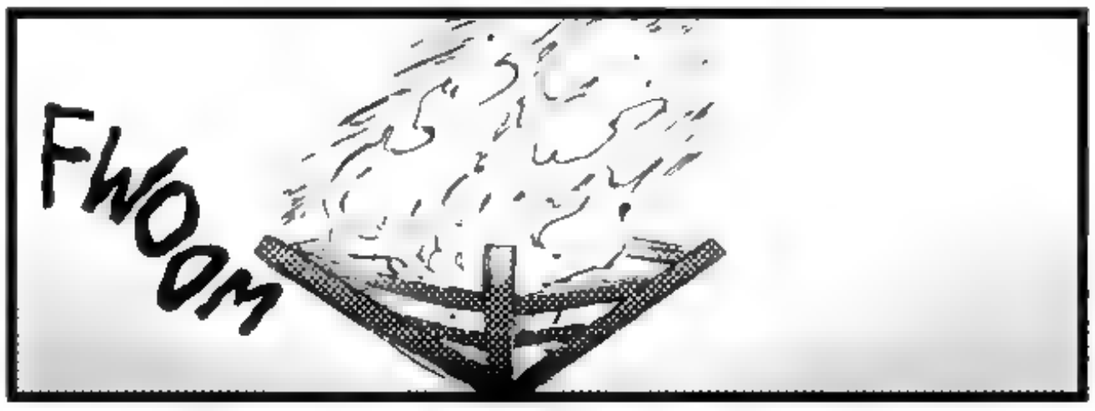
DON'T THEY GET TO HAVE A SAY IN ALL OF THIS?

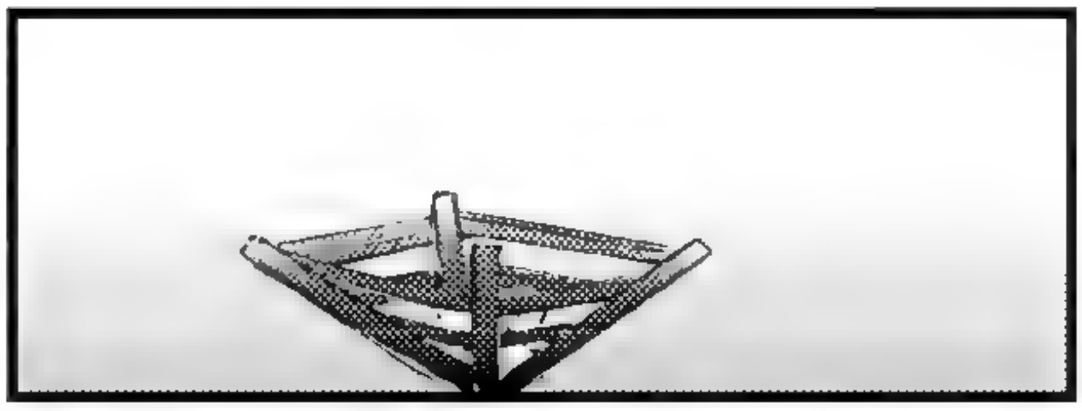
I HAD NO IDEA...

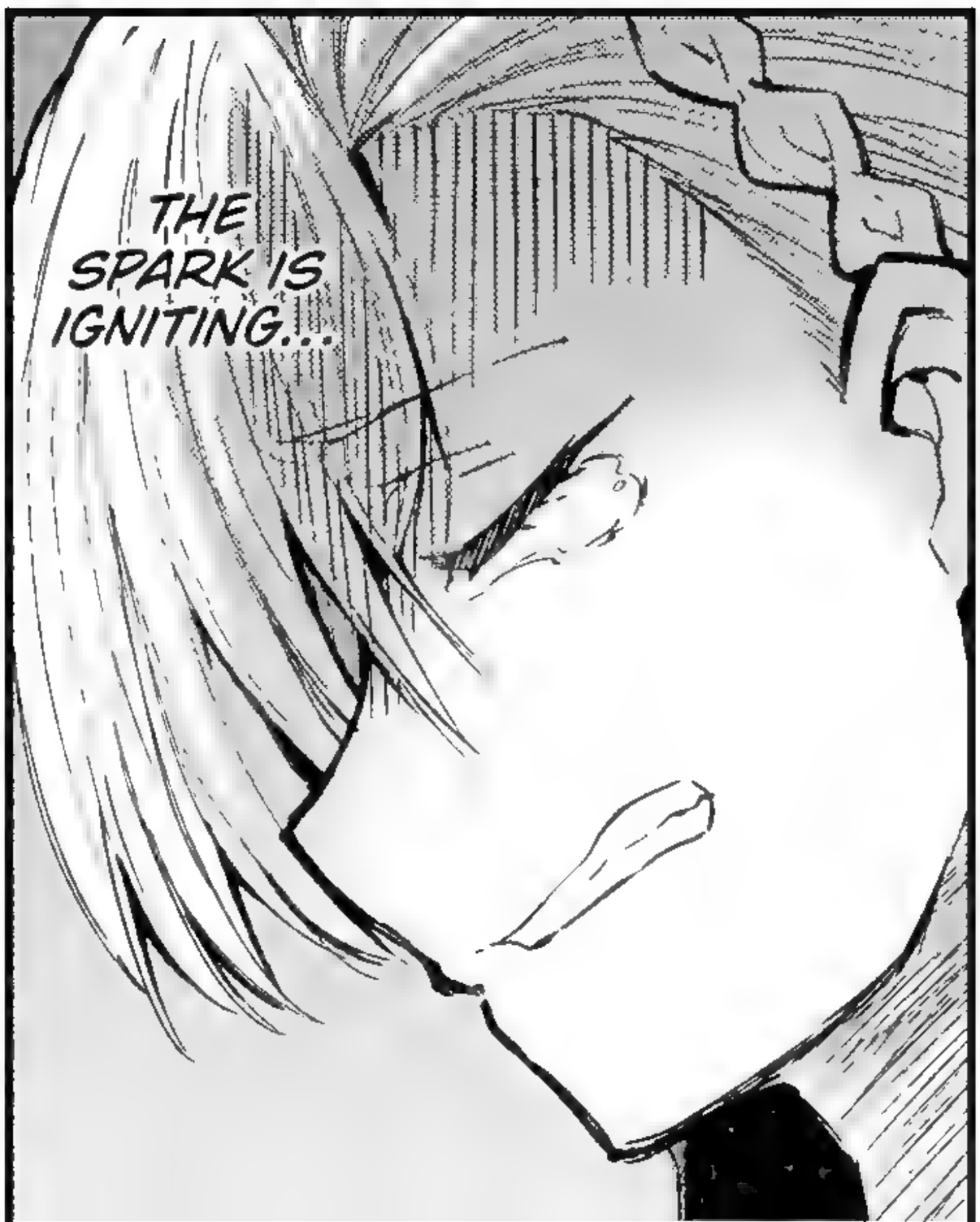
I...

DID
I DO
IT?

Chapter 110







Chapter 111: Royal Resolve

HAVE YOU REALIZED IT YET?

...

SPROING

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE THEM.

YOUR PEOPLE NEED YOU.

THAT'S WHY...

...YOU SHOULD STOP SPOUTING SUCH NONSENSE ABOUT DYING HERE.

I...DO WANT TO LIVE.

I NEED TO FIGHT...

...AND PROTECT MY PEOPLE!

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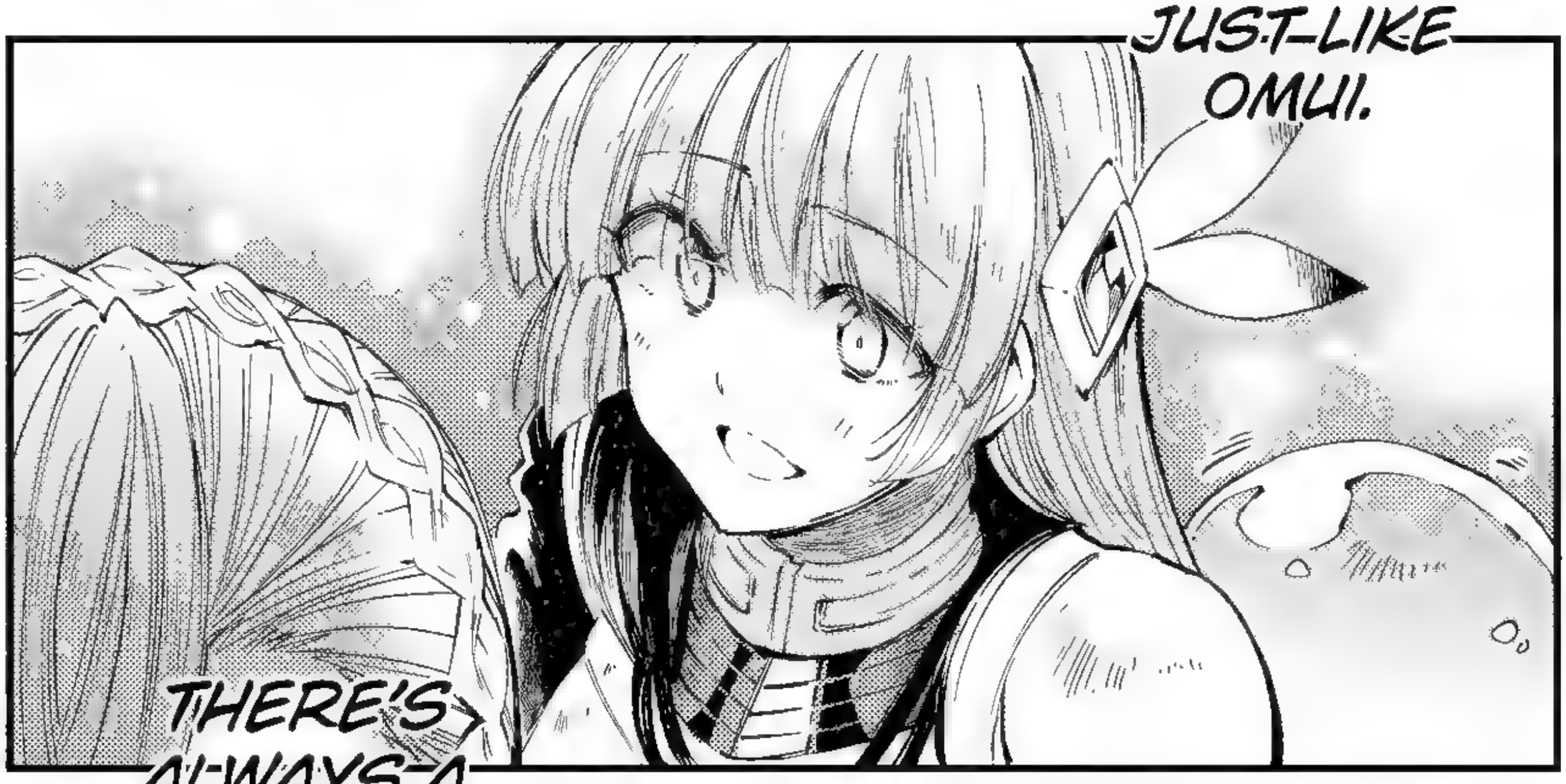
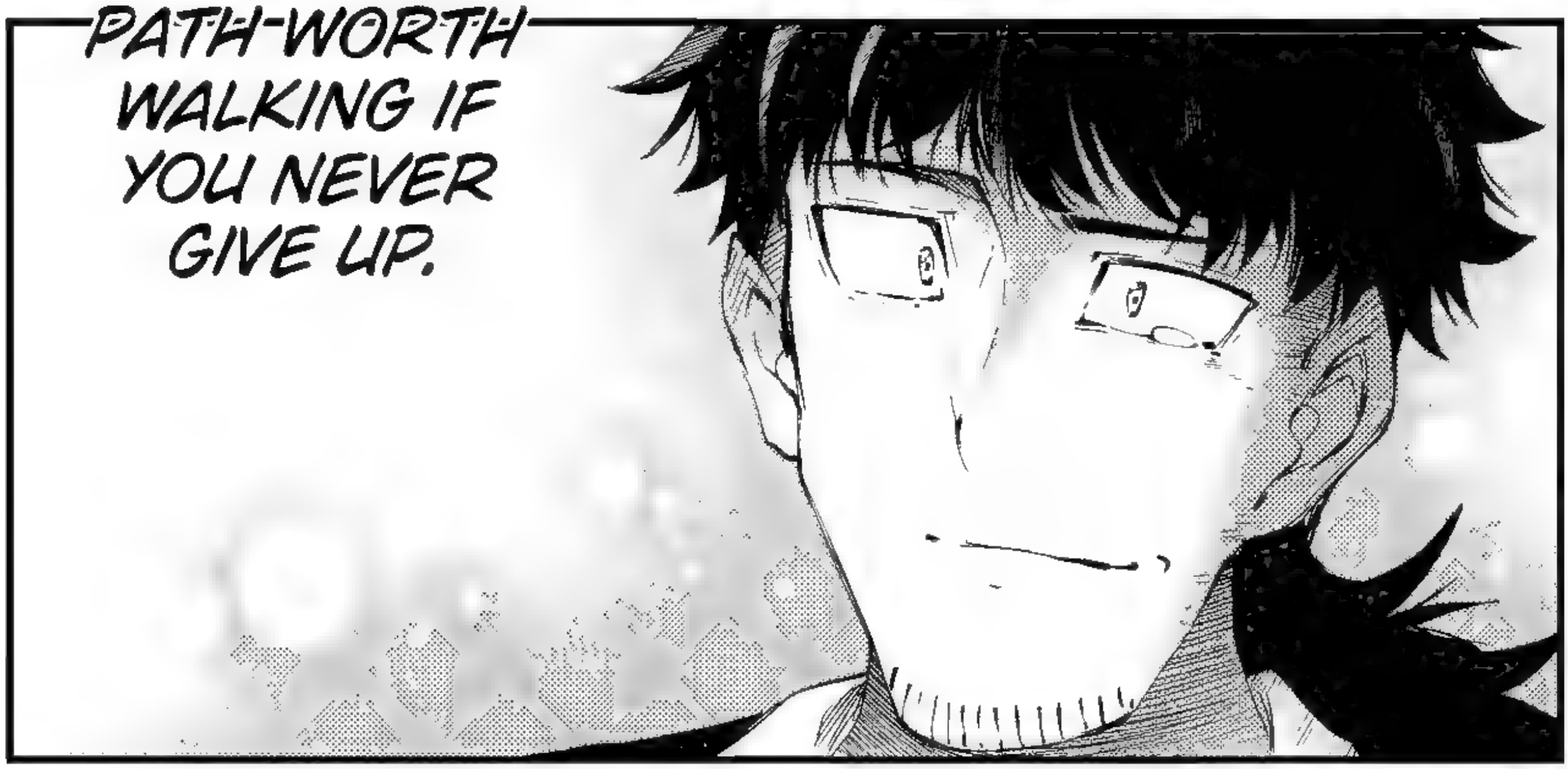

THAT'S IT.
CREATE A NEW
PATH TO WALK,
JUST LIKE
OMUI.
THERE'S
ALWAYS A
PATH WORTH
WALKING IF
YOU NEVER
GIVE UP.



THANKS.

I SHALL TAKE IT FROM HERE, HARUKA.

I WILL TALK TO THE PRINCESS ONCE SHE HAS CALMED DOWN.

...

I WON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN...

NOT THE RAIN OF MISERY DESCENDING UPON THE LAND.

NOT THE TEARS RAINING UPON THE PEOPLE'S CHEEKS...

THIS INVASION OF THEIRS WAS JUST THE BEGINNING.

THE TRUE ENEMY IS THE ARISTOCRACY.

I JUST KNOW THEY'LL BE SENDING MORE TROOPS OUR WAY.

I NEED TO TELL EVERYONE.

THAT REMINDS ME...

OH.

EEEK!

THERE WAS THAT WHOLE INCIDENT BEFORE!

THE GIRLS WILL KILL ME IF I TELL THEM ABOUT THAT! NOT TO MENTION SHE'S A PRINCESS!

GLANCE GLANCE

SHE JUST HAPPENED TO BE THE LAST PERSON STANDING...

PUSH

?

IT WAS PURE COINCIDENCE SHE PRESSED THE SECRET SWITCH!

CLANG!

THAT WASN'T EVEN AN EASY TRAP TO TRIGGER!

STOMP STOMP

BA-DUMP

IF THE GIRLS FIND OUT...

...I'LL BE AS DEAD AS OMU!! IF THE ARISTOCRACY MAKES ANOTHER MOVE!

BA-DUMP

WHO AM I KIDDING, I'M A DEAD MAN!

LUK MAX [LIMIT BREAK]

Oof...

YOU'D HAVE HIGHER CHANCES WINNING THE LOTTERY!

THEY CAN'T BLAME ME FOR THAT, CAN THEY?

OKAY, CALM DOWN. THEY'LL NEVER FIND OUT...

ANYONE SEEN HARUKA YET?

NOPE.

HOW'D THEY FIND OUT?!

HE APPARENTLY MADE A PRINCESS STRIP.

WE NEED TO SPEAK WITH HIM PRONTO!

I'VE GOT AN ACE UP MY SLEEVE JUST FOR THIS!

WHUSH

Fwoo

I'LL BE FINE.

UGH... I'LL GET CAUGHT IF I HEAD TO MY ROOM...

Suppression

Chapter 111

MUAHAHA! MY GENIUS IS OVER-WHELMING!

HEH!

HUP

KLAK

MY SECRET TRAPDOOR!

Chapter 111: The Half-Naked Truth

WHAAAH?!

H-HOW'D YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?!

OH, HARUKA...

YOU'VE COME HOME QUITE LATE.

EASY...

HOW DARE YOU TAKE BRIBES FROM SOMEONE ELSE!

Meoooow--

I BRIBED YOU WITH SNACKS TO HELP ME, NOT THEM!

NOM NOM

YOU TRAITORRR!

WE'VE GOT A CERTAIN SOMEONE STALKING YOU.

JOLT
ANYWAY... HARUKA.

W-WAIT, HANG ON...
SHE WAS ONLY HALF-NAKED, A-AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF A TRAP, SO...
EEP...

DA-
DOOM
THERE'S A RUMOR YOU DID SOMETHING UNIMAG-INABLE TO A PRINCESS.
SOMETHING ABOUT STRIPPING HER DOWN TO HER UN-DERWEAR?

AND JUST WHO WAS IT THAT MADE SAID TRAP, HM?!
LOOM

DASH DASH DASH

PWEEP!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE ON MY SIDE?!

WHAT?! WHEN DID YOU START TAKING ORDERS FROM THEM?!

RUMBLE

GET HIM, BOYS!

I'm innocent, you hear me?! Innocent!

YOU KNOW, DESPITE WHAT HE DID TO THAT PRINCESS...

SO IT SEEMS.

THAT'S HARUKA FOR YOU.

...IT SOUNDS HE DID A LOT TO HELP HER OUT AFTER.

DON'T SAY THAT!

SAYING IT OUT LOUD MIGHT MAKE IT HAPPEN!

AT THIS RATE, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH HIM.

IT FEELS LIKE HE'S SLIPPING FURTHER AWAY, WHAT WITH THE KINGDOM BECOMING OUR NEW ENEMY AND ALL.

DAY 56

OH, HARUKA!

GUESS I GOTTA GO APOLOGIZE...

I WONDER IF SHE'S FEELING BETTER.

UM, WELL...

HEY, HOW'S THE PRIN-CESS?

YOU LOOK WAY BETTER!

THERE YOU ARE!

WHAT THE HECK'S GOTTEN INTO HER NOW?

F-F-F-FORGIVE ME, PLEASE! I DO NOT WISH TO BE STRIPPED AGAIN!

HUUUH?!

SHE SPENT THE BETTER PART OF THE NIGHT WEEPING...

SHE COMPLETELY FELL APART AFTER A WHILE...

DAMN IT! I'M IN FOR A LONG LECTURE IF I DON'T FIX THIS NOW!

SHE IS MORE WELL-KNOWN IN SUCH A GETUP.

PERHAPS SHE'D BE MORE AT EASE IN HER ARMOR?

WOOOOOO!

It's a popular look, you know.

YOU'RE RIGHT!

HMM...

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?!

SCHWOOOOOOM

LUCKY THING I WAS MONITORING HER IN THE DUNGEON AND CAN REPLICATE THAT FOR HER.

JUST NEED TO USE A LITTLE BIT OF ALCHEMY...

STARE

THERE WE GO! ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!

THEN I JUST GOTTA CHEER HER UP.

UM...

I BELIEVE HER SPIRIT HAS YET TO RECOVER.

GLOOM

HEY, NOW... SHE STOPPED CRYING...

...BUT WHY'S SHE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

Ah!

BUT HOW DO I GO ABOUT DOING THAT...?

WHY'D THEY HAVE TO SHOW UP NOW OF ALL TIMES?!

DID YOU, LIKE, MENTION SOMETHING ABOUT CHEERING SOMEONE UP?

HEY...

N-NO, NOT AT ALL...

WEEELL, IF IT ISN'T HARUKAAA!

APOL-OGIZED TO THE PRINCESS YEEET?

UH, YEAH, RIGHT! THAT'S IT!

YOU'RE, LIKE, TRYING TO DO SOMETHING FOR ANGELICA, YEAH?

FLINCH

IT'S ALL GOOD!

SO THAT'S IT, HUH?

I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP.

SHE'S BEEN A BIT DOWN LATELY...

SORRY, ANGELICA... BUT YOU'RE GONNA BE A GREAT HELP RIGHT NOW!

YOU WANT ME TO MAKE HER SOME NEW UNDERWEAR?!

DA-

DUN

MUTTER MUTTER

LIKE, WE'VE GOT JUST THE THING!

HUH?

U-UNDER-WEAR?

IT, LIKE, TAKES MORE THAN JUST NORMAL CLOTHES TO MAKE A GIRL HAPPY. YOU GOTTA GET HER SOME CUTE UNDIES TOO!

TRUUUE!

WE'LL, LIKE, HELP YA OUT AND STUFF!

H-HOW?!

I-I MEAN...

I GUESS WE CAN TRY...

THEY'VE GOT ME THERE... IF THIS REALLY DOES HELP THE PRINCESS, THEN WHO I'AM TO ARGUE?

THUS BEGINS THE ILL-FATED OPERATION UNDERWEAR...

Chapter 112

EEEASY PEEEASY.

I DON'T KNOW ANY OF HER SIZES.

HOW CAN I DO THAT?

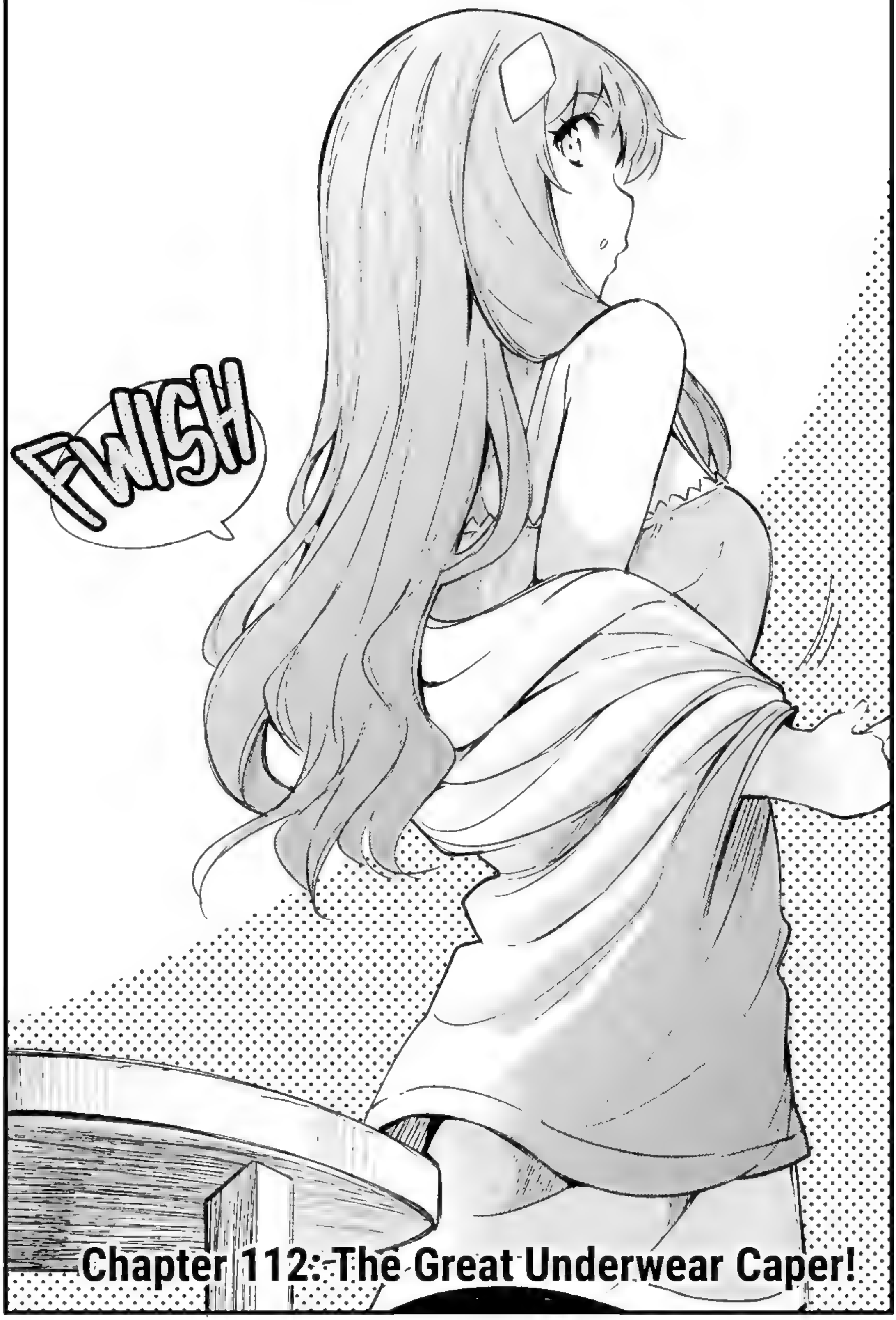
Hrm...

CREATING UNDERWEAR FOR THE PRINCESS...

BOING

YOU CAN USE ME TO GUEEES-TIMATE.

WHAT.



Chapter 112: The Great Underwear Caper!

I WAS HOOOPING YOU'D MAKE ME SOME CUTE UNDIES TOO...

VICE REP B....

YOU SAYING YOU DON'T WAAAN-NA?

THERE'S NO DOUBT SHE'S A NATURAL BEAUTY... BUT SHE CAN BE SO BOLD AND BRASH AT TIMES...

W-W-WAIT! YOUR CLOTHES?! WHAT?!

SHOVE SHOVE

SO GET TO IT AL-READY!

MEASURE US!

Fashionably Inclined

THIS WORLD'S, LIKE, TOTALLY LACKING IN THAT DE-PARTMENT!

YEAH, SHE'S RIGHT, SHE'S RIGHT!

I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFOOORE... DO BE GEEENTLE...

KA-

VOOM

IS THIS REALLY OKAY?! IS IT EVEN LEGAL?!

LWEEEH?!

HEY!

WE'RE, LIKE, HELPIN' YOU OUT!

STO MP

I can't find any bras in my siiize...

I'VE BEEN ASKED ABOUT UNDERWEAR BEFORE, SO I HAD A FEELING THIS WOULD HAPPEN SOMEDAY...

BUT WHY DID IT HAVE TO HAPPEN NOW?!

I MEAN, I'M GLAD THEY WANNA HELP...

Haruka's Feelings

NO! IT'S TOO SOON! I'M NOT READY FOR THIS!

Hurry!

You comin'?

SWISH

MAN UP AND WORK WITH US!

Y-YES'M!

FOR THE PRINCESS...

BA-DUMP BA-DUMP

KA-THUMP

KA-THUMP

THIS IS FOR OMUI...

TREMBLE...

HNGH!

...

HARU-KAAA...!!!

Ahhh...

Haaah...

H-HURRY UP ALREADY! GET IT OVER WITH!

YOU'RE THE ONLY WHO CAN DO THIS, SO JUST DO IT!

Haaahhh...

Haaah...

DON'T YOU WANNA DO THIIIS?

Haaah...

SHEESH, DO GIRLS REALLY SCARE YOU THAT MUCH? CRAZY...

AT LEAST BLINDFOLD ME, I BEG YOU!

I CAN'T LOOK AT YOU WHILE I DO THIS!

WAGH! HOW CAN I SAY NO?!

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

SQUISH...

OHMYGOD!

SO SOFT!

Puff! Puff!♪

SO SQUISHY AND ROUND!

Don't get in the waaay...

Damn it!

Hoh!

SLIME!

GAAHH HH!

I CAN'T DO IT! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

HEEEY, WON'T YOU TELL US MOOORE?

HUH? THE PRIN-CESS?

WHAD-DYA, LIKE, MEAN?

HOW CAN I WORK UNDER THESE CON-DITIONS?!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THIS WITH THE PRINCESS!

WAIT, SERI-OUSLY?

DUH!

WE WOULDA GIVEN YOU A HAND IF YOU SAID SO.

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE MAD AT ME...

YOU COULDA JUST, LIKE, TOLD US.

Huff...

SO IT WASN'T FOR ANGELICA...

YEEEAH!

WE'LL, LIKE, TOTALLY HELP YOU MAKE STUFF FOR THE PRINCEEESS!

WE CAN HELP RIGHT NOW!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO!

B-BUT, I CAN'T...

AFTER CHANGING INTO A FRESH SET OF UNDER-GARMENTS...

SWISH

SWISH SWISH

THINGS WERE SMOOTH AFTER THAT.

THE GIRLS THEN BANDED TOGETHER TO HELP ME OUT.

over here.

Fashion Club

Arts & Crafts Club

Restoration Magic Infused

FWOOM

A healthy coating...

STRUGGLE STRUGGLE

SCRAMBLE SCRAMBLE...

AH!

IT'S REALLY ALL THANKS TO THOSE GIRLS.

...THE PRINCESS GRADUALLY BECAME HAPPIER.

CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP

HEEEY, HARU-KAAA?

CHEER CHEER YAY YAY!

I CLEARLY UNDER-ESTIMATED HOW IMPORTANT UNDERWEAR IS TO WOMEN.

EVERYTHING TURNED OUT OKAY.

Whew...

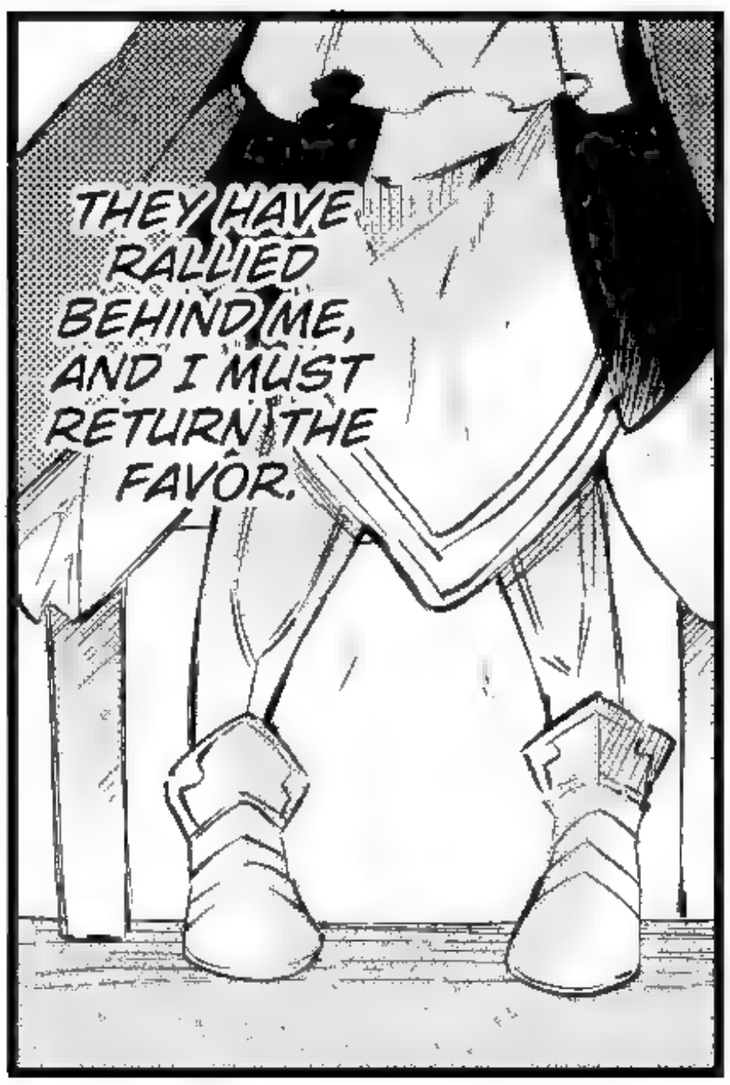
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD IDEA OF MY SIZE NOW, RIIIGHT?

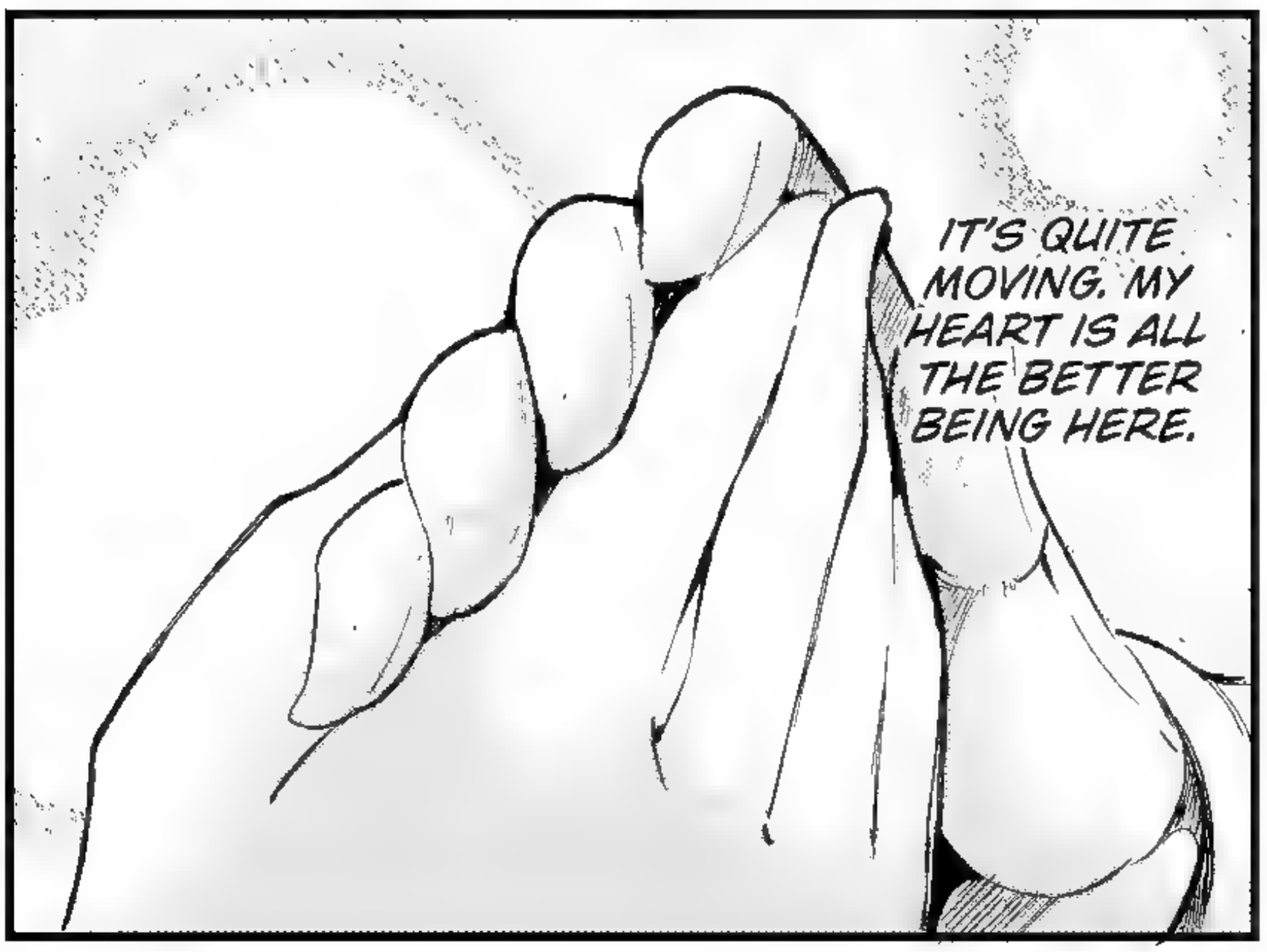
DASH

I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO MY OWN, 'KAAAY?

Chapter 113

WHY DO I HARBOR SUCH DOUBTS?
HAVE I NOT RESOLVED TO CONTINUE LIVING?
DOES EVERYONE HERE NOT SUPPORT ME SO?


THEY HAVE RALLIED BEHIND ME, AND I MUST RETURN THE FAVOR.


IT'S QUITE MOVING. MY HEART IS ALL THE BETTER BEING HERE.

Chapter 113: The General Store's Special Requests

I APOLOGIZE FOR MY PREVIOUS CONDUCT...

I SWEAR TO YOU THAT ALL IS WELL NOW.

Like, she's finally smiling!

I SHOULD MAKE MYSELF SCARCE...

THE GIRLS REALLY DO HAVE A LEG UP ON ME WITH THIS KINDA STUFF.

FWIP

...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S BOUNCED BACK.

I...CAN'T TELL IF THIS IS THE UNDERWEAR'S DOING...

FLINCH

AH, HARUKA!

PLEASE WAIT!

WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM ME NOW?

Haaah...

IT'S ABOUT THE PRIN-CESS.

SHE WISHES TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

I AM SHALICERES, KNIGHT CAPTAIN OF THE ARMY FELLED BY YOUR DUNGEON.

I KNOW I HAVE SAID THIS ALREADY... BUT THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME.

WHEN DID I DO THAT?

HUH?

NO NEED TO THANK ME, I WAS JUST DOING MY THING.

I HELP PRETTY MUCH ANYONE... WELL, MAYBE NOT OLD GEEZERS.

I WANNA TRANSFORM OMUI INTO A BETTER COMMUNITY SO I CAN GET BACK TO MY COZY LONER LIFE!

Nobody else will!

IN FACT, I NEED *YOU* TO SAVE *ME!*

I LIVE OUT IN THE STICKS, AND THEY WERE JUST ANNOYING ME NEARBY.

LONER...LIFE? BUT WHAT OF THE COUNTLESS MONSTERS YOU HAVE SLAIN TO SAVE THE CITY?

YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU LIVE IN THE FOREST ?!

OH, THAT? I ACCIDENTALLY FELL DOWN THE WHOLE WAY AND CLIMBED MY WAY OUT.

THEN WHAT ABOUT THE DUNGEON YOU MASTERED?

TO STOP ANY WEIRD OLD GEEZERS, DUH.

IN THAT CASE, WHY CREATE A DUNGEON IF NOT TO PROTECT THE CITY?

I STILL WISH TO SPEAK WITH YOU...

B-Be that as it may...

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ARISTOCRATS WHO HAVE TAKEN MY KINGDOM HOSTAGE REMOVED. WHAT SAY YOU?

HM...

I MEAN, IF THEY'RE GONNA KEEP THREAT-ENING OMUI...

HOW INTER-EST-ING...

THIS BOY, HE...

GULP

HEEEY.

Y-YES, OF COURSE.

CAN I GET GOING NOW?

I GOT PLACES TO BE.

GUESS THAT MEANS I CAN'T IGNORE THEM.

HARUKA CARES NOT WHO MAKES AN ENEMY OF HIM.

HE MERELY HELPS THOSE HE BELIEVES ARE IN NEED.

WHICH EXPLAINS HOW MUCH GOOD HE HAS DONE ON BEHALF OF THE FRONTIER...

THAT IS THE TYPE OF PERSON HE IS...

THAT WOULD BE WHY HE SAVED ME AS WELL...

THANK YOU, TRULY. FOR OFFERING ME ANOTHER CHANCE AT LIFE!

JUST SAYING.

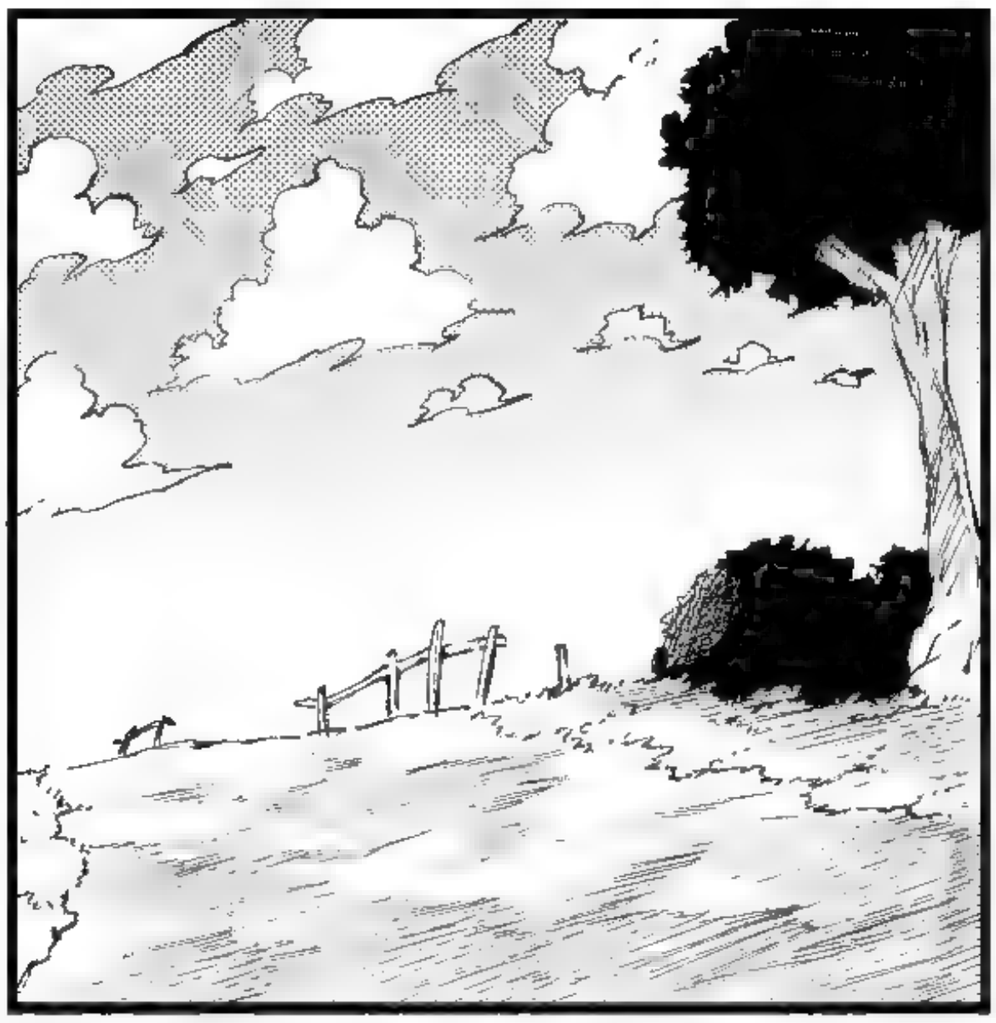
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME SO MUCH...

I'M NOT ALL THAT GREAT.

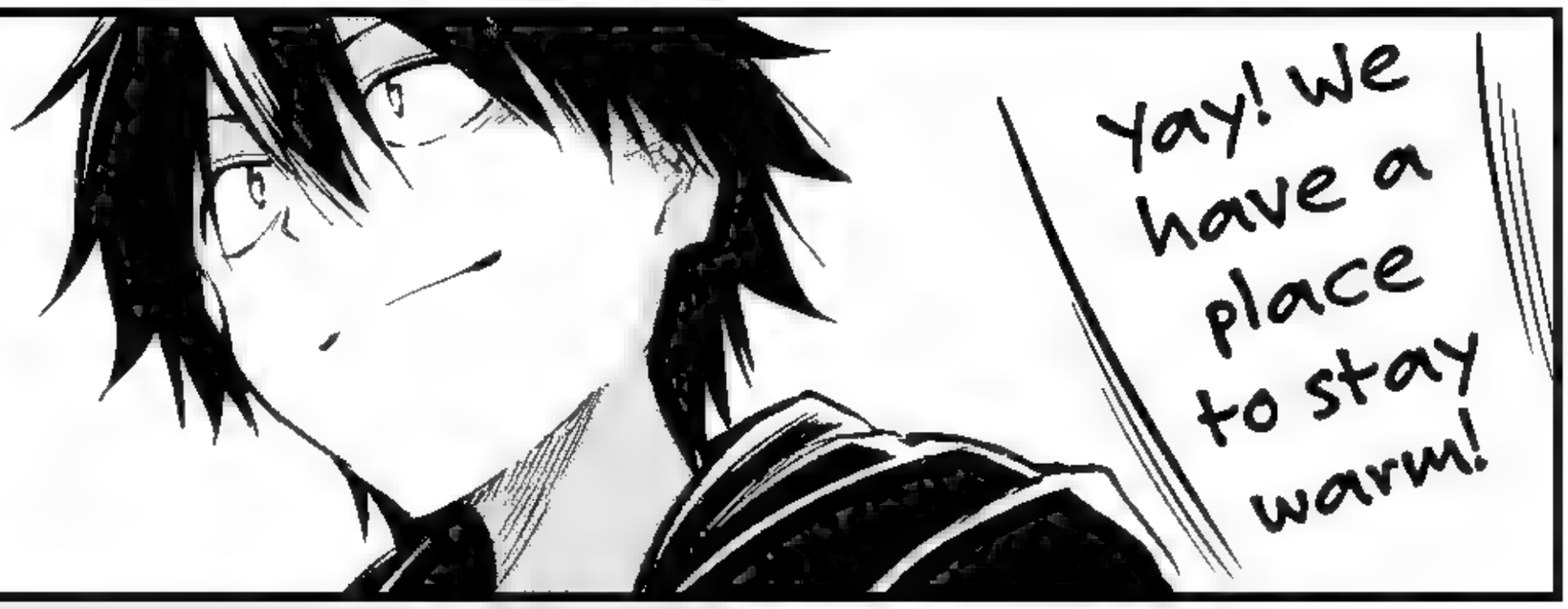
YA-DAN!

ALL DONE!

YIPPEE! THANKS FOR THE HOUSE!



IF I WANNA BUILD UP OMUI, I HAVE TO HELP EVEN THOSE ON THE BOTTOM RUNGS OF THE LADDER.



ALL RIGHT, WHAT'S NEXT ON THE AGEN...DA...

!!

HAH...

FWOOOOOOO OOOO

A WHOLE VILLAGE, HUH...

AND HERE, OF ALL PLACES...

THE BARREN VILLAGE...

IT WAS REFERRED TO BY MANY MERELY AS THE "BARREN VILLAGE."

A SMALL SETTLEMENT HARUKA HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO SAVE.

WHY WOULD YOU SEND ME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?

I DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT TO BE HERE AFTER MY FAILURE...

WHY HERE?

...I WAS SEPARATED FROM MY CLASSMATES. I WANDERED OFF TO LIVE MY CAREFREE LONER LIFE.

WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS WORLD...

Chapter 114

I MADE THE MONSTER-INFESTED FOREST MY HOME, DOING MY BEST TO IGNORE THE BEASTS WITHIN.

LEADING THEM TO LAY WASTE TO THE LITTLE VILLAGE NOT FAR OFF FROM ME.

BECAUSE OF THAT, I DIDN'T REGISTER JUST HOW MUCH OF A THREAT THEY'D BE.

BY THE TIME I NOTCIED, IT WAS FAR TOO LATE.

Chapter 114: In Memoriam

I SHOULD'VE REALIZED THAT THE MOMENT I SAW HOW STRONG THE MONSTERS WERE AROUND HERE!

THIS PLACE WAS NEVER SAFE.

I SPENT EVERY WAKING MOMENT TRAINING TO BEAT TANAKA...

INSTEAD I JUST WASTED MY TIME.

THE VILLAGE CRUMBLED IN MY ABSENCE...

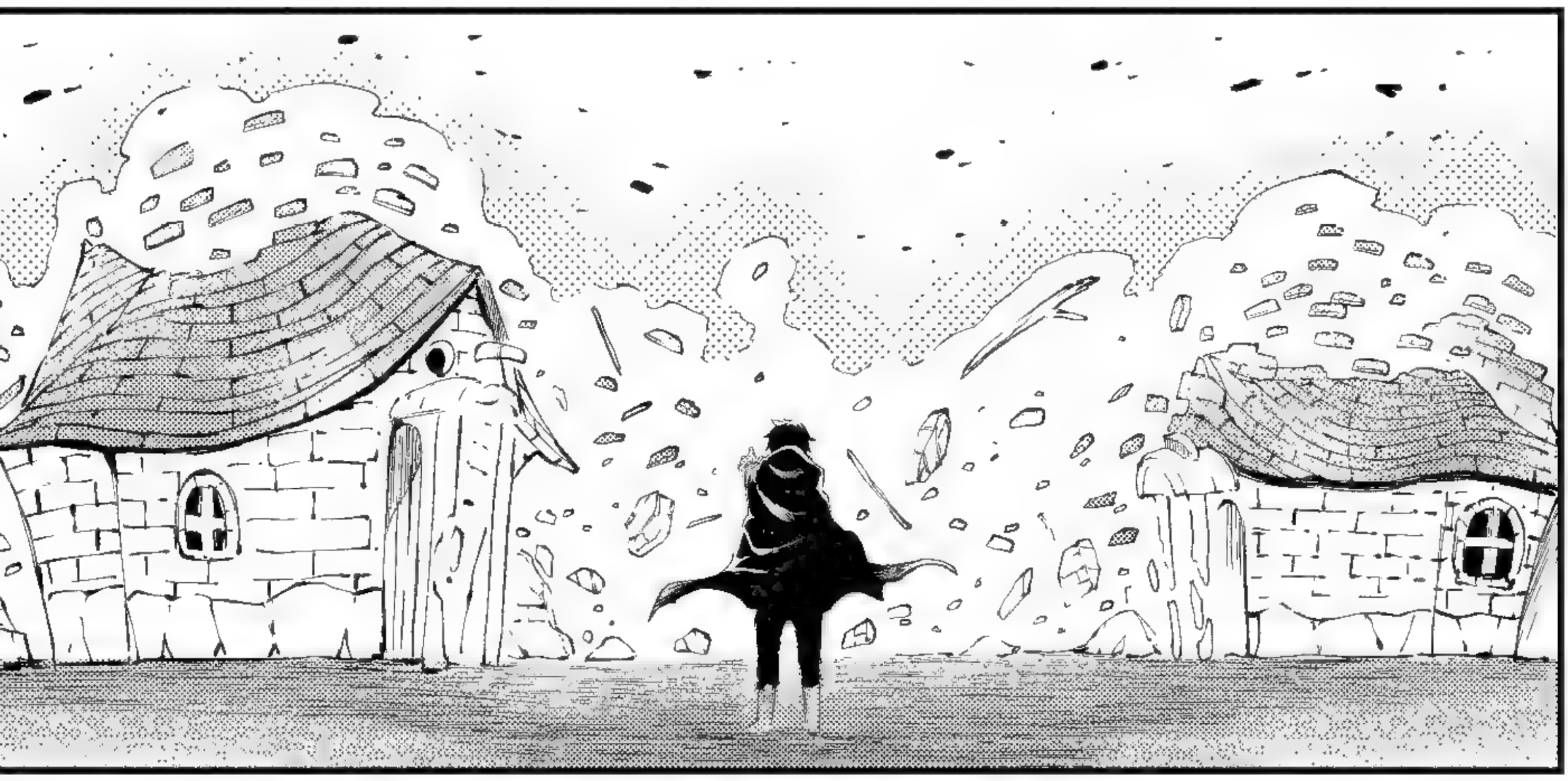
IF ONLY I HAD BEEN STRONGER TOO...

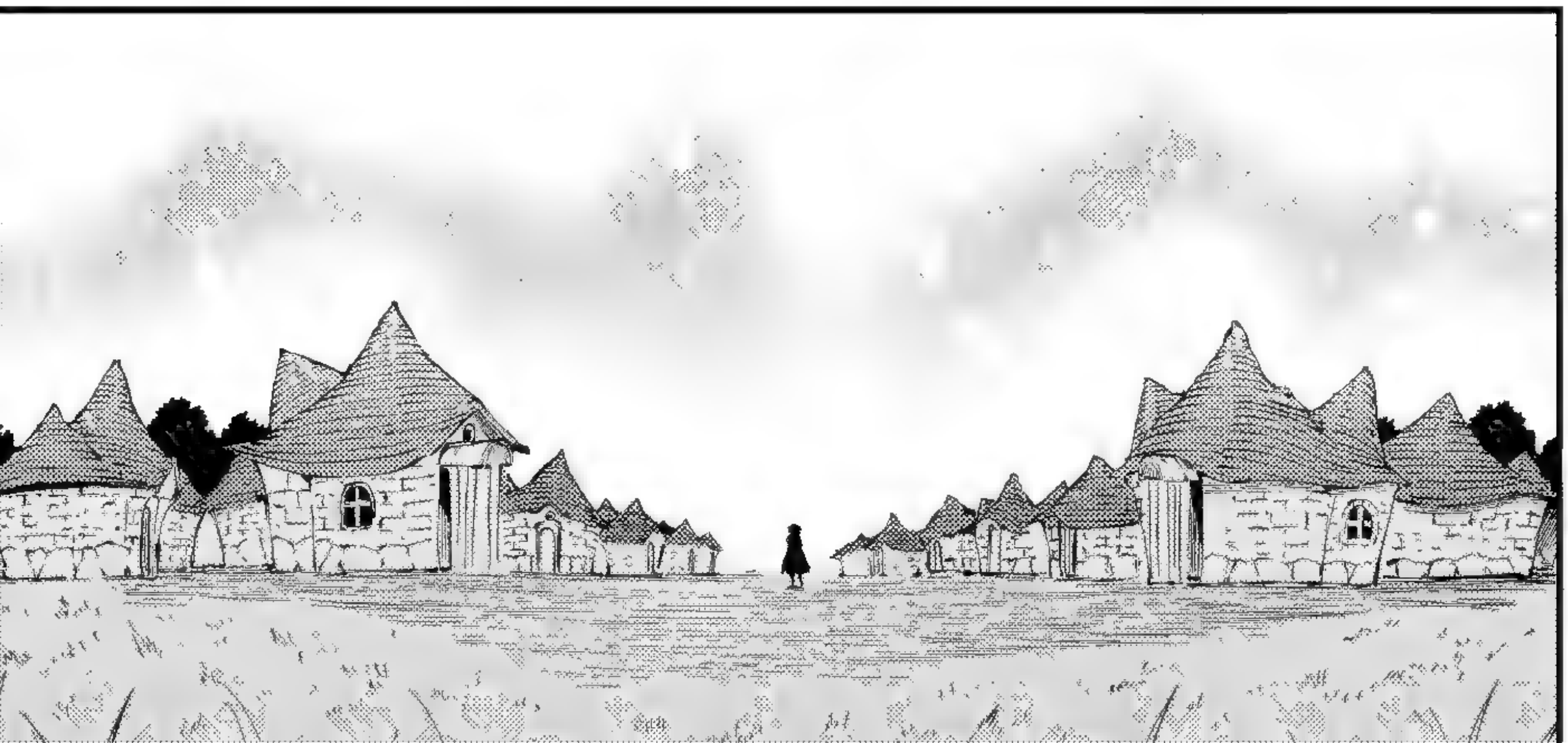
IF I'D JUST PAID MORE ATTENTION...

THEN I COULD'VE SAVED THEM ALL...

BUT, THOUGH I COULDN'T SAVE IT THEN...

...I CAN ATONE BY RESTORING IT, CAN'T I?





I HOPE THIS VILLAGE'S NEXT RESIDENTS...

...CAN LIVE HERE IN PEACE.

GRIP

AH, RIGHT.

...

HM, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDED?

THIS LIST...

IT HAS THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHO PERISHED HERE.

THAT WILL HELP CEMENT THEIR MEMORY...

I SHOULD MAKE GRAVESTONES FOR THEM.

SWISH

I'M SORRY...

SCRAPE SCRAPE

ALL THESE PEOPLE...

THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES PROTECTING THEIR HOMES.

SCRAPE SCRAAAPE

I'M SO, SO SORRY...

IT SHOULDN'T HAVE ENDED UP LIKE THIS...

I KNOW I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMMEMORATE YOU LIKE THIS...

DASH

NONE OF THIS WAS YOUR FAULT!

WHAT'RE YOU CRYING ABOUT, HUH?!

GRAB

SHOPKEEPER LADY...

I DIDN'T SAVE ANY OF THESE PEOPLE...

I GOT RID OF THE MONSTERS WAY TOO LATE...

WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR? SAVE YOUR TEARS!

DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH BETTER THE FRONTIER IS BECAUSE OF ALL YOU'VE DONE?!

I HAD A FEELING THIS REQUEST WOULD GET YOU WORKED UP, BUT NOT LIKE THIS!

ARE YOU HEARING YOURSELF?!

YOU IDIOT!

LOOK OVER THERE!

FWAP

THE FRONTIER AIN'T WEAK! THESE VILLAGERS GAVE IT THEIR ALL, DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND THAT?!

WAIT...

DO YOU THINK A SINGLE ONE OF THEM HOLDS YOU ACCOUNT-ABLE?

THEY'RE... ARE THEY SURVIVORS?

THEY'RE ALL SURVIVORS...

SHE BROUGHT THEM ALL HERE, KNOWING I'D REBUILD EVERY-THING...

ALL THOSE PEOPLE DIED SAVING THESE FINE FOLKS RIGHT HERE.

Thank you for all you've done.

AND HERE THEY ARE, WANTING TO RESETTLE IN THE HOMES THEY GREW UP IN.

DO YOU GET IT NOW?

AIN'T A DAMN THING YOU DID WRONG.

I MADE THIS A SAFER PLACE, EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED. I CAN DO EVEN MORE TOO.

RIGHT...

She got me.

FOR ONCE, CAN YOU JUST SIT DOWN AND ACCEPT SOMEONE ELSE'S APPRE-CIATION?

Don't go slinking off now, ya hear?

"IN MEMORY OF THOSE BRAVE HEROES WHO CONTINUED TO FIGHT."

AT THE BOTTOM, I WROTE:

THNK

THNK

I CONTINUED CARVING THE NAMES OF ALL 79 WHO DIED DEFENDING THIS VILLAGE.

IF ANY OF YOU ARE OUT THERE, HEAR ME:

I'LL PROTECT THE FRONTIER WITH ALL MY POWER.

SO MAKE SURE YOU WATCH OVER THEM TOO.

DAY 57

I SEE...

SO HARUKA REBUILT THAT VILLAGE?

WE SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE TO SUPPORT HIM...

Chapter 115

I restored that village, but something's still eating at me...

LET'S AT LEAST GIVE HIM A WARM WELCOME WHEN HE COMES BACK, OKAY?

IS SOMETHING WRONG, ANGELICA?

CREEEAK

OH! HE'S HOME!

I'M BACK.

Chapter 115: The Kingdom's Do-Over

SHE WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT ME, WAS SHE?

A-ANGE-LICA...?

I'M OKAY, ANGELICA.

THE VILLAGE WILL BE TOO.

YEAH, I DON'T THINK WE CAN HELP HIM SHE CAN.

HEH.

LOOKS LIKE ANGELICA GOT TO HIM FIRST.

Ah!

UM... SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR ROMANTIC MOMENT...

WHAH?! WH- WHADDYA WANT, STALKER GIRL?!

I JUST GOT SOME URGENT NEWS FROM THE KINGDOM.

THEY'RE PREPARING TO GO TO WAR AGAINST OMUI.

I passed that along to Lord Omui too.

IT'S ONLY BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE THEY SENT THE PRINCESS. HOW QUICKLY DO THEY PLAN ON ADVANCING?

I KNEW IT WAS HAPPENING, BUT WHY ARE THEY RAMPING UP SO FAST?!

Fake Dungeon

THE KINGDOM MUST HAVE ALREADY HEARD ABOUT THE ROYAL GUARDS FALLING TO MY DUNGEON.

I NEED TO THINK THINGS THROUGH LOGICALLY.

DAMN IT! I NEED TO CALM DOWN AND NOT LET THEM GET AHEAD OF ME...

...WOULD I WIPE OUT OMUI IN ONE GO WITH AN ENTIRE ARMY?

SO IF I WERE IN THEIR SHOES...

HANG ON. INTEL...

HOW MUCH INTEL DO THEY ACTUALLY HAVE ON US?

NOBODY'S BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT BEATING MY DUNGEON YET.

GRAB

I'VE GOT IT!

THEY'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT US!

THAT MEANS...

NAROGY ORIGINALLY SENT YOU TO GATHER INTEL ON ME, SO WHY WOULDN'T THE KINGDOM DO THE SAME?

SWISH

INTEL

WEALTH

RESOURCES

THEY'LL WANNA KNOW ABOUT THE PRINCESS AND OUR OWN MILITARY PROWESS TOO.

SO EVEN IF THEY HAD ANOTHER ROUTE AROUND IT...

THEY WON'T MAKE IT HERE WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH MY DUNGEON FIRST.

THAT GIVES US AT LEAST 2 WEEKS BEFORE THEY ARRIVE.

14 DAYS

Clear Dungeon OR Alt. Route

NOD

WE'VE GOT THAT LONG TO PREPARE.

NOD

I'D SEND A SPY OUR WAY TOO!

THEY'VE GOT THEIR VERY OWN SPY!

Huff...

SAME AS ALWAYS, KEEP LEVELING UP.

HEY, HARUKA.

WHADDYA WANT US TO DO?

C'MON, THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHIN' WE CAN HELP WITH.

HE WANTS TO GO ALL-OUT.

ON IT!

THEN WHY DON'T OTA AND THE OTHERS WORK ON CRAFTING SOME WEAPONS?

BOWS WOULD BE IDEAL.

GOT IT!

LOOK FOR ANY HIDDEN PASSAGES WE MIGHT HAVE MISSED THAT CONNECT OMUI TO THE KINGDOM.

YOU BEEFCAKES CAN DO SOME SCOUTING.

SHE'S OUR TRUMP CARD, SO HER SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.

CLASS REP, I WANT YOU TO LOOK AFTER THE PRINCESS.

I CAN DO THAT!

YOU DID GREAT, HARUKA.

Carry him over here!

Lay him down!

TILT

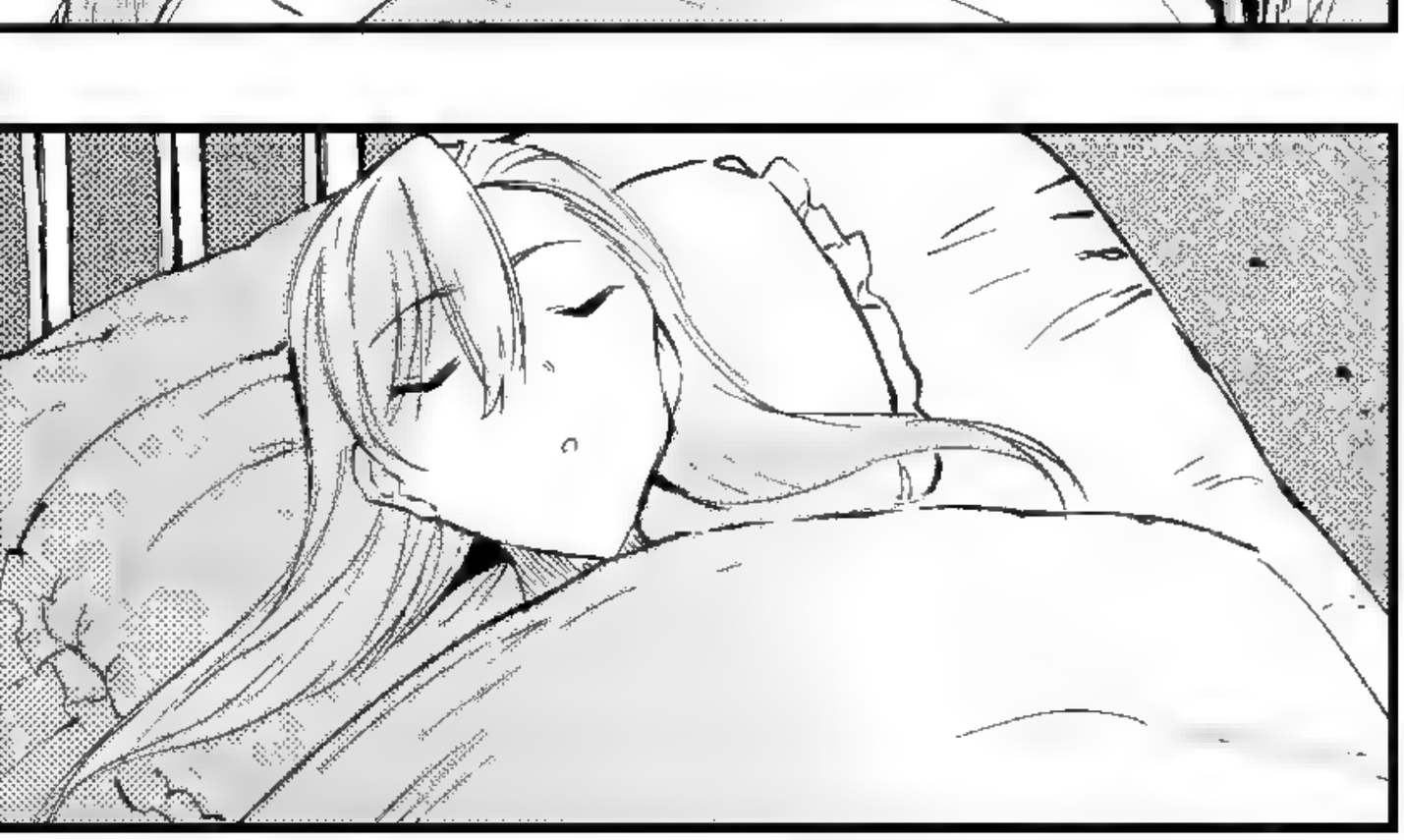
AS FOR ME...

STAGGER

H-Hey!

A NAP... MIGHT BE IN ORDER...

I'M EXHAUSTED. I SPENT ALL NIGHT REBUILDING THAT VILLAGE.



BEGINNING DESCENT.

FLUTTER

FLUTTER

BREACH SUCCESSFUL.

THE YOUNG MAN IN OUR BRIEFING... KILL HIM.

STAY ALERT FOR THE PRINCESS AS WELL.

WHOOSH

Balloon Bat

WHOOSH

Chapter 116

TAP

TVP

POSITIONS, NOW.

ENEMY STRONGHOLD INFILTRATED.

CON-FIRMED!

RUSH

KILL ANYONE IN YOUR WAY.

MOVE.

Chapter 116:
Assassins, in Your Bedroom?

BAM

ZZZ...

ZZ...

SHHK

SK

ASH

ONE DOWN...

!!

WAIT, WHAT?!

ISN'T HE THE TARGET? HOW'D HE GET BEHIND US?!

SERIOUSLY? THEY'RE HERE SO SOON.

I ASSUME YOU WERE SENT FROM THE KINGDOM.

THAT MEANS YOU'RE AFTER ME...

PROBABLY THE PRINCESS TOO.

IT'S CUSTOMARY TO KNOCK BEFORE ENTERING SOMEONE'S ROOM, Y'KNOW.

HEH HEH HEH...

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

!

I'M CURIOUS WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO EMPTY HANDED.

AW NUTS, IT'S BACK IN THE DINING AREA!

WAIT, WHAT HAPPENED TO MY WEAPON?!

LUNGE

PERISH, IMBECILE!

Martial Arts Skill... Activated?

FINE, I'LL JUST HAVE TO USE MY MARTIAL ARTS...

STOMP

SWISH SWISH

CRAP, I FORGOT I DON'T HAVE THAT SKILL!

I'VE GOT NO WEAPONS, AND I CAN'T USE MY MAGIC VERY WELL IN HERE

WHAT DO I DO?

TUP

GOTTA RETHINK THIS.

ALL THREE OF THEM HAVE SWORDS AND ARE REALLY FAST.

TCH! THEY WERE TRAINED SO WELL!

I DUNNO IF I CAN BEAT THEM!

AFTER HIM! DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!

SLIP

HUP

IN THAT CASE...

LUNGE

DAMN, HE'S QUICK!

THIS'LL BE RISKY, BUT I GOTTA DO IT.

SKIN

SKIN

CUT

HNNGH!

GOT YA!
KILL HIM!

PERFECT!

IT MISSED MY STOMACH AND THE OTHERS ARE CLOSING IN!

THEN I JUST NEED TO...

COME AT ME!

...DISAPPEAR WITH MY PHASE SKILL!

WHOOSH

CA

SH

READY TO YIELD?

NOW THAT'S HOW YOU IMPRO-VISE!

SLIDE

CLUTCH

NOW THEN...

BIND

HOW'D THEY GET HERE SO FAST? IS THERE SOME SECRET PASSAGE I HAVEN'T FOUND?

BUT REALLY THOUGH...

GRIN

I SHOULD CHECK IF THERE ARE ANY OTHERS...

HOW'D THEY GET HERE SO FAST?

Chapter 117

HOPEFULLY EVERYONE ELSE IS OKAY TOO.

FRK

KA

BOOOOOM

BOO

OOO

TWITCH TWITCH

HEH.

NOT THAT WE COULDN'T HANDLE 'EM.

THESE JERKS SHOWED UP OUTTA NOWHERE...

Chapter 117: The Path The Creeps Took

MEATHEADS...

OH, OTA AND THE NERDS. GOOD TO SEE YOU.

AH! YOU'RE ALL SAFE TOO? GREAT!

THEY TRIED TO KILL ME! WHY SHOULD I CARE?!

You broke the wall!

YOU WENT A LITTLE HARD, DIDN'T YOU? WHAT IF THEY DIED?

LOOKS LIKE ALL THE GUYS ARE SAFE AND SOUND.

FWIP
NOT YET, AT LEAST.
JACK-ASS-ES...
WANT ME TO PUNCH THEIR FACES IN?

THEY'RE ALL SAFE IN LORD OMUI'S ESTATE WITH THE PRINCESS. I WOULDN'T WORRY.
WHAT ABOUT ANGELICA AND THE GIRLS?
THAT'S GOOD.

THEY'VE GOT ANSWERS FOR ME.

I NEED TO KNOW HOW THEY DID THAT.

BUT THEY ATTACKED US WITHIN A SINGLE NIGHT.
I THOUGHT I HAD A GOOD TWO WEEKS ON THEM...

KEH! YOU THINK I'D SPEAK TO THE ENEMY?!
YOU WON'T GET A THING FROM ME!

SLMP
GOT SOME QUESTIONS FOR YA.
HEY, BUD.

KEEPING THE ELITES IN RESERVE IS AN OBVIOUS CHOICE!

SHOULD TEN MINUTES ELAPSE WITHOUT ANY OF US REPORTING IN, THEY'LL ALL DESCEND!

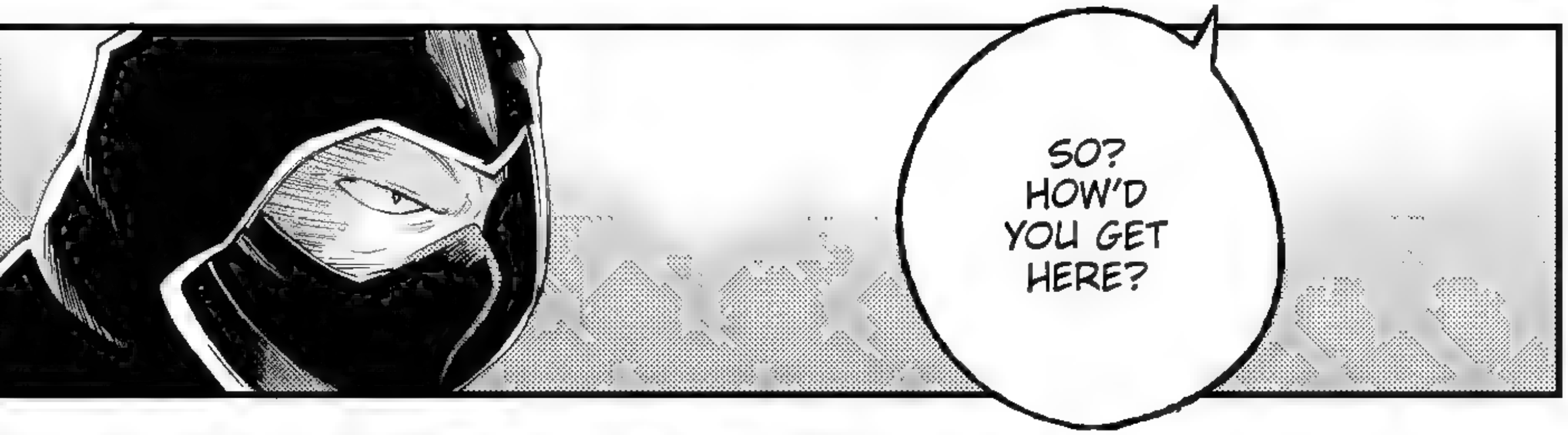
WE'VE STILL GOT OUR MAIN FORCE WAITING IN THE SKY ABOVE, AFTER ALL!

THOUGH, THAT'D BE A TOUCH DULL...

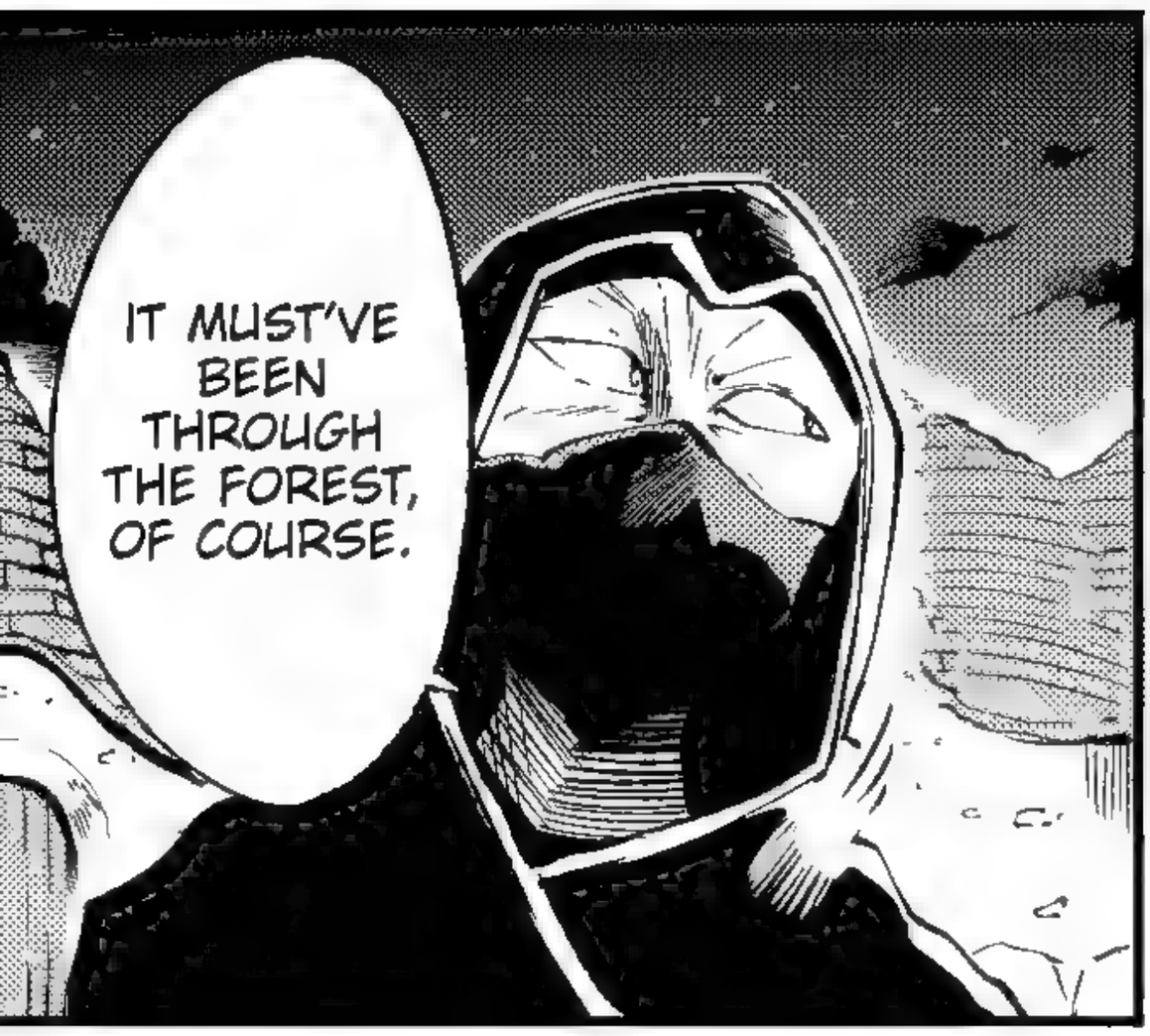
ALL I NEED TO DO IS STAY SILENT AND BIDE MY TIME, AND THEN WE'LL WIN!

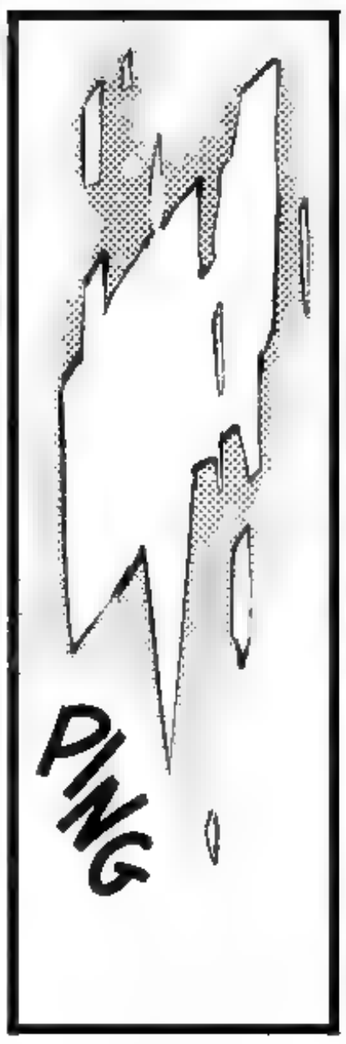
YOU LITTLE RUNT! I'LL GET MY REVENGE ON YOU!

I'LL TORMENT YOU TO THE POINT OF RUIN WITH LIE AFTER LIE!


SO? HOW'D YOU GET HERE?

ON FOOT? SOUNDS DIFFICULT...
ACROSS THE MOUN- TAINS.


IT MUST'VE BEEN THROUGH THE FOREST, OF COURSE.


PING

AH, I MISRE- MEM- BERED.

I TOOK A NAP ALONG THE WAY!

OOPSIE DOOPSIE! LOOKS LIKE I CAN'T REMEMBER!

OF COURSE!

BAS-TARD!

I JUST NEED TO STALL WHILE THE CONFUSION WRACKS THEIR BRAINS!

HEH HEH, THESE FOOLS WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THROUGH MY LIES.

VICTORY IS CLOSE AT HAND! MY MOMENT OF TRIUMPH IS...

ALL YOUR THINKING WILL BE FOR NAUGHT. DEATH SOON APPROACHES, YOU NAÏVE BOY!

YOU CAME FROM THE SKY.

GOTCHA.

SUCKS TO BE YOU, I GUESS.

AUGH!

BUT YOU MENTIONED A TON OF PLACES AND NEVER THOUGHT TO MENTION THE SKY.

THAT JUST MADE IT MORE OBVIOUS, REALLY.

YOU ARRIVED WAY FAST, SO IT'D ADD UP THAT YOU GOT HERE BY FLYING TOO.

GIMME A BREAK, OLD MAN.

YOU TRIED TO CONFUSE US WITH A BUNCH OF TALL TALES, YEAH?

Quick Thinking

YEAH!

DID YOU GUYS HEAR ALL THAT?!

OUTTA THE WAY, GRAMPS!

THUNK

MY PRESENCE DETECTION SKILL'S FIRING OFF HARD!

THE ENEMY'S PROBABLY GONNA DESCEND ANY MINUTE!

GUYS!

FIGURES. THEY USED FLYING MONSTERS TO COME OVER THE TOP... BUT THAT'S FINE, WE'VE GOT COUNTERMEASURES!

THEY'RE UP IN THE SKY, FOR REAL! GOOD JOB HARUKA!

SH

SURE DO!

DO YOU GUYS HAVE OTA'S WEAPONS?!

ING

THUD

FIRE!

THUD

THEN LET'S CAST THE FIRST STONE!

THUD

THEY'RE COMING DOWN!

HELL YEAH!

FWSSSH...

HANG ON...

WE'LL OVER-WHELM THEM AT THIS RATE.

Eat.
Balloon Bat [Mutation]

ONE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS.

Balloon Bat [Mutation]

AND WE CAN'T HIT IT FROM ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE EITHER!

ROAR

THAT ONE'S BETTER AT DODGING OUR SHOTS!

Chapter 118

I'LL HANDLE THIS!

Airwalk

WHEW...

THERE'S JUST ONE OF THEM, THANKFULLY...

BUT IF WE DON'T DEFEAT EVERY ENEMY HERE, WE'LL JUST BE INVITING MORE DAMAGE.

Chapter 118:
I Don't Mean to Brag, but
I'm Kind of an Aerial Ace

WOOSH

WOOSH

HUFF HUFF

I CAN TECHNICALLY GO HIGHER, BUT IT'S SLOW SINCE I'D HAVE TO RUN AT AN ANGLE...

SOAR

BOOM

NO FAIR!

OF COURSE I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ONE-SHOT IT!

DON'T RUN, COWARD!

COME AND FIGHT!

COME BACK! I CAN'T GET THAT HIGH!

FUCK

I GOT A PRETTY NIFTY SLIME ON MY SIDE, SO YOU CAN'T GET AWAY!

SHI

AH, WHATEVER.

GRIP

NG

LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE IT!

CLENCH

GET READY FOR A BIG SMACK, BUCKO!

BOOM

CRA

SH

BOOM

IT'S OVER...

BUT SOMETHING FEELS OFF...

HE'S REALLY SOMETHING.

MAN...

YEAH! WE TOOK 'EM ALL DOWN!

NICE ONE, HARU-KA!

...

I GUESS THE NERDS AND JOCKS HAVE THEIR CHEAT SKILLS, BUT STILL...

SHOULD WE REALLY HAVE WON SO EASILY WITH ALL THESE ASSASSINS?

WHAT'S UP, HA-RUKA?

SOMETHING ISN'T ADDING UP HERE. ASSASSINS EXCEL IN KILLING SILENTLY AND UNNOTICED.

THE PRINCESS IS SAFE!

Huff... Huff...

CLASS REP! EVERY-ONE!

!

BEATS ME.

THEN WHY DOES HARUKA LOOK SO TROUBLED?

WE'VE JUST FINISHED HERE TOO.

COULD IT... COULD IT BE...

WHAT'S BOTHERING ME HERE?

THOSE AIRBORNE ASSASSINS WEREN'T THE MAIN FORCE? WERE THEY JUST... A DIVERSION, SOMEHOW? A WAY TO PUT ME AT EASE?

HARUKA! LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!

A MEANS FOR THE REAL BLADE TO STRIKE FROM THE SHADOWS?!

FWO

CLANK

TUP

FWAP

THUP

YOU WERE GOING FOR THE HEART, RIGHT?

PRETTY PREDICTABLE.

DASH

WHERE ARE YOU...

HUH?

IS SHE GOING FOR...

OH PRIN-CESS!

I WASN'T THE ONLY TARGET HERE, I TOTALLY FORGOT! THEY WANTED HER TOO!

...WAIT, RIGHT!

SHE'S HEADED RIGHT FOR HER!

WHAT DO I DO?!

To be continued...

A Princess and Her Slithery, Slimy, Tentacular Tailored Fit

The hopes of a maiden, and the dreams of a young girl...

"Kyaaah! Ah! Hyaaah!"

"Hm. Just as I thought, there are all sorts of sizes and shapes in this other world!"

This kinda stuff was important when it came to battle... We needed to make extra sure that even the curviest of bodies were protected.

"I-Is this really the way to do thiiis? Nnnh..."

"Yup. It's a bit unorthodox, but it's the best way to determine the right fit."

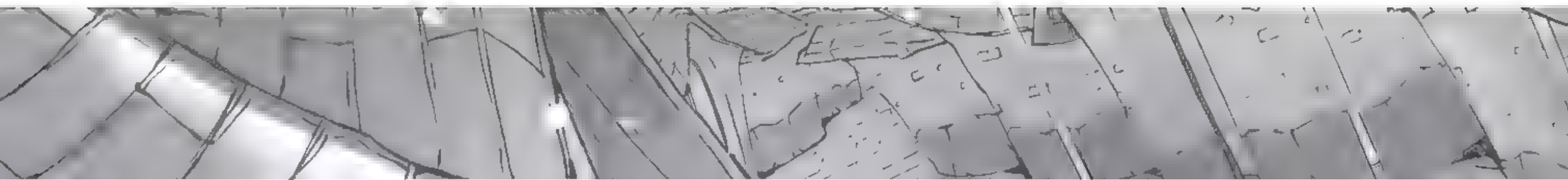
Her pale white skin was beginning to tinge a deep crimson, her back arching as her body twisted and turned and glistened with sweat. *Hang in there!* I thought. *Fight it!*

"Hyaaah... Aaanh!"

"Mm. These inner thigh measurements seem to really restrict movement and flexibility."

"You got that right!"

In this fantastical world of might and magic, it was inevitable that there would be different physical requirements for clothing than in the world we came from. That was why we had to create the best possible outfits using an advanced tactile palpitation device that could glean



the most accurate measurements possible.

"Kyaaah... Uhaaah... Nhaaah... Ahhh!"

"Hang in there! This is the most pivotal phase of this stage. Just let your body succumb to the feelers as they adjust to the precise measurement of your curves!"

We needed to create underwear that could hug the body while also ensuring the torso was snug, muscles were properly supported, and magic was efficiently balanced within the user's body. It was natural that this process would get a little...naughty.

Not to mention that it was a bit of an overzealous process, even though we had to be thorough. We had to be as accurate as possible, down to the finest detail, which unfortunately meant we had to tweak and re-tweak things in a slippery, slimy, slithery manner. Part of me was a bit concerned for Shalliceres, since it seemed like her heart and lungs would give out at any second.

"You've got quite the toned body for a princess."

"'Tis but the product of long and arduous training."

Her slender limbs were dangling limply as her sleek blonde hair fell listlessly over her sweat-soaked face. Part of me had expected a magical mosaic to appear and blur the entire scene!

"Good thing, too, given how relentless this process has been..."

"Yeah, but she's gotta hold out for a little longer."

"Hyaaah! Hnnnaaah! Ah! Ahhh!"

Her resolve to protect her country and her boundless determination as a princess shined through her squirming—but also the desire and courage to equip the ultimate bra and mightiest of panties!

"Nhah! Nnnaaah! Ahhh... Fuuuhaaah!"

"Look, at the very tips of her toes! The measurements of her stockings are taking on a perfect form!"

"Isn't this a bit much?"

It was for the sake of making the cutest and most versatile of underwear that all women dreamed of; to fulfill the truest purpose of a maiden like her. It was a necessary evil, one we all undergo and view later on as a mutual bonding experience.

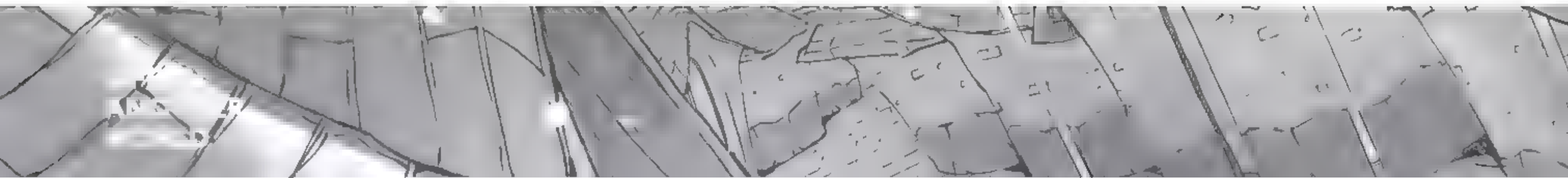
"We must be thorough. The underwear needs to match that erotic dress of hers. It'd look too outrageous otherwise."

"Who thought that dress was a good idea in the first place?!"

Her well-trained limbs bounced and jiggled, and her shapely hips wriggled provocatively. I was surprised her body could move in such a way. The tentacles bound to her lacy undergarments, mending the fit to the curvature of her body.

"You know, you're pretty meticulous for someone who was so reluctant to do this in the first place."

"Well, I'm just going with the flow now. I've found a good rhythm that's really helping develop my skills."



"Hm, I suppose it is a lot of trial and error... Hey, what's with that look on your face?"

"Mhm, mhm."

I was unable to hide my sympathy as I watched the bonding event unfold before me. Everyone else was also red in the face with pure shock.

"Watching this makes me want a set of my own..."

"Yeah, but it's also pretty traumatizing, don't you think?"

In terms of fit, the boys were fine with their generic armor. They focused more on the efficiency of their enchanted gear, and were more than happy utilizing regular underwear. The girls, on the other hand, cared more about the feel of the material on their skin. They wouldn't be able to fight at full power if the fabric touched them in an odd way. It was precisely why they needed underwear that was comfortable, form-fitting, and subtlety sexy. All of these were apparently vital stats.

"What's that embroidery for?"

"Oh, it's a new magical engraving that we weave into the fabric for bonus effects."

"So, like, weaving that into the lace might grant us a 'Hip+' effect that can boost our attack power?!"

"Hey, I want that! But it seems scary!"

The girls nearby were swinging like pendulums between deep interest and shame, and I certainly couldn't blame them. We'd innovated a lot with this, right down to

the strap and frills!

"Um, is the torso going to be more...normal-sized?"

"Yeah, it's the top part of her dress after all."

"No fair! I want underwear like that too! You need to grant all our wishes!"

"Hyiiiaaah! Nnnhaaah... Nooo... Nnnhhh... Aaah♥"

The princess had narrowed her eyes slightly as she felt the envious eyes converging upon her body. Was that a sign she couldn't bear this any longer?

Despite the blindfold covering Haruka's eyes, his cheeks were burning a bright red. He was giving his all to concentrate as we talked him through our explanations. Like tentacles, Haruka was manipulating and refining his measurements, his masterful instincts clear and remarkable at every turn and curve. It was quite unbelievable what he was capable of.

"We're all comrades here. This is what true friendship looks like."

"Yup, yup."

"Hyaaah... Nnnhaaah!"

In the back of my mind, though, I could only wonder: Did the princess really need a matching pair of heart-patterned tights and garter belt?

Episode end.

Do I go home, do I stay... No, no! I have to visit home! I haven't been back to see my parents in about two years now!

There's been work, my manga research, all my studying, COVID, and all manner of other convenient excuses...

Usually around New Year's I go back to my hometown and go to this super public bathhouse with my old friends. Then I beat their butts at Super Smash Bros. and feel smug about it! Last year, though, I was the only one who didn't go back. I joined in on the festivities remotely, and it ended up feeling pretty lonely.

This year should be fine, though. I'm vaccinated and I've got stuff for work ready and set up at my parents' place. I'm actually looking forward to the year ahead! I'm gonna ring the new year in strong and draw just about anything!

(Just FYI, in case you read this at some other time, I'm writing this in the middle of December.)

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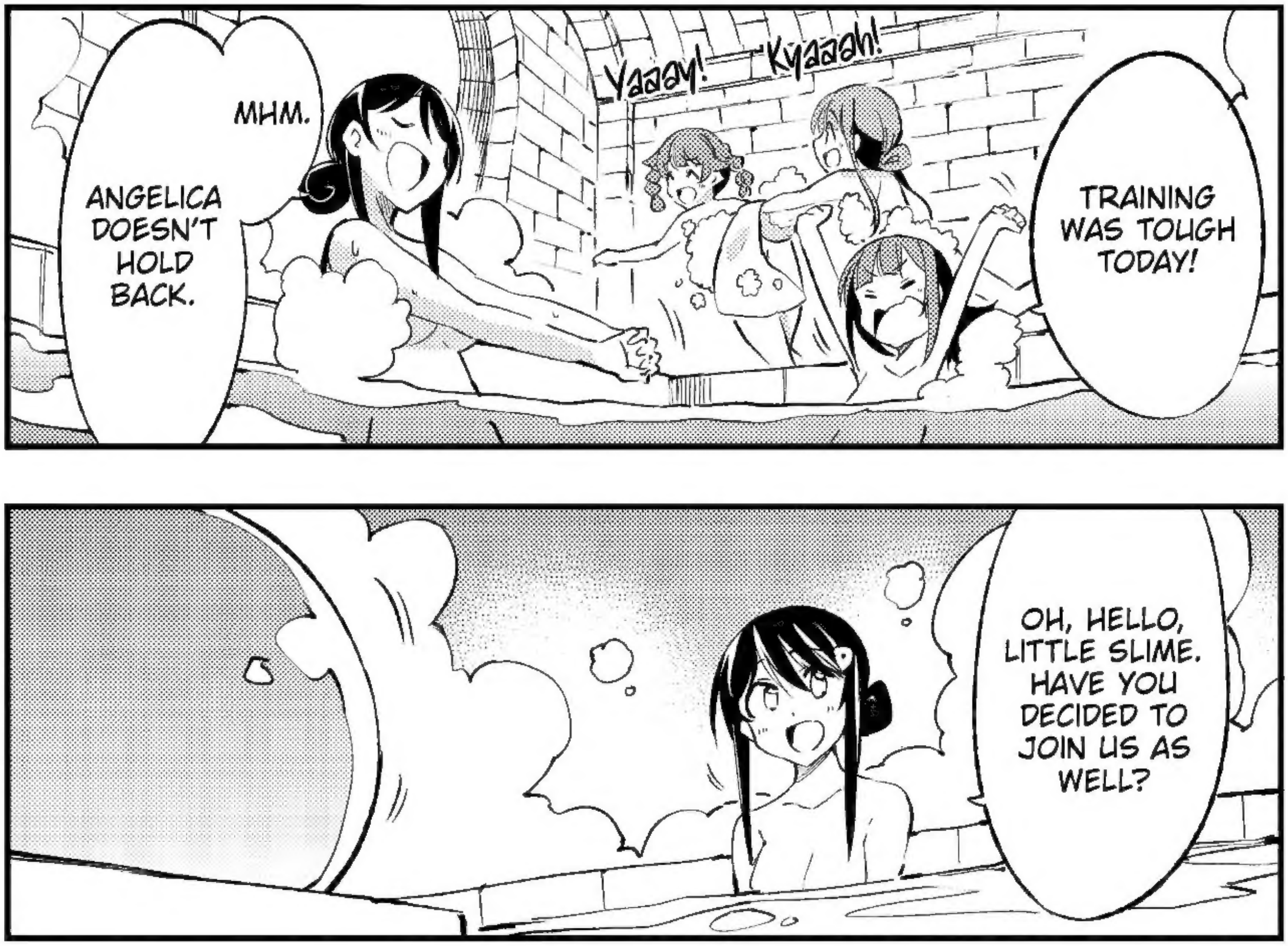
Bibi

Original Author: Shoji Goji

Well, Bibi. I gotta say, congratulations. You managed to get your manga adaptation into the double digits in terms of volume count.
Thanks, everyone, for buying this volume. I'm Shoji Goji, the original story author.
Please let me extend my deepest apologies for creating a story that's so bare-bones in terms of explanation and description... (haha...)
I won't name names, but sometimes when I get together with the editorial staff we're all, "Whoa, the drawing of this part is awesome!" or "Damn, Bibi really made this part of the story way cooler!" Ahhh... In a way I think I've basically just become a fan myself?
Really, though, I'm eternally grateful to Bibi for creating such a vibrant adaptation out of my certifiably undescriptive descriptions. Serious respect for that skill.
Anyway, thanks again for reading and I hope you've enjoyed everything so far.


MHM.
ANGELICA DOESN'T HOLD BACK.
Yaaay!
Kyaaah!
TRAINING WAS TOUGH TODAY!
OH, HELLO, LITTLE SLIME. HAVE YOU DECIDED TO JOIN US AS WELL?
WAIT... THREE SLIMES?
BOING
SPRONG
OH, IT'S JUST VICE REP B'S CHEST.
THOSE AREN'T SLIMES, LITTLE GUY!
?

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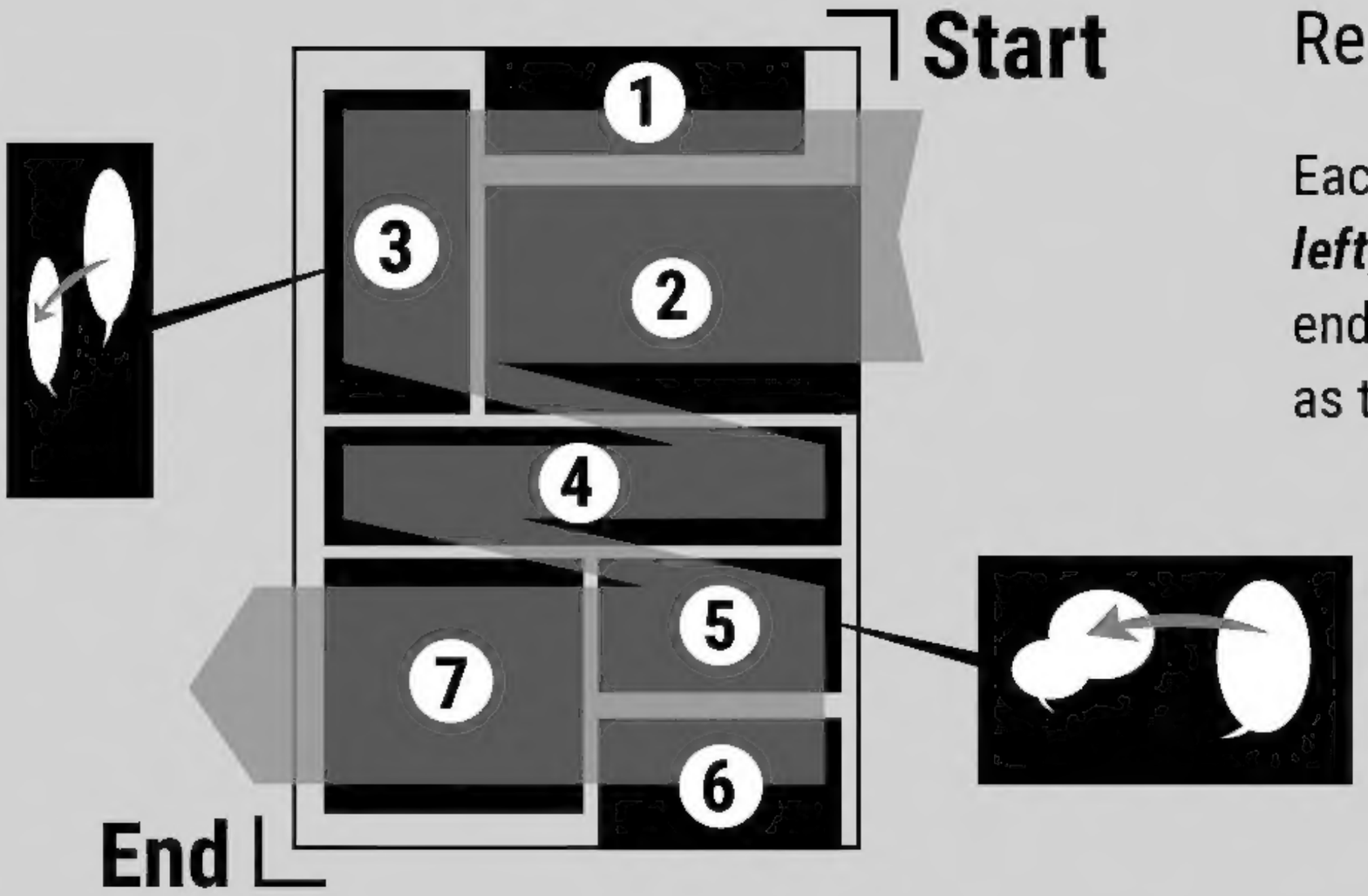

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